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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen of Shirley

TOGETHER WITH A

**Report of the Treasurer, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor,
Fire Department, Trustees of the Public Library,
Auditors, Items from Town Clerk's
Book, and Town Warrant**

ALSO THE

ANNUAL REPORT of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For the Year Ending December 31, 1915



AYER, MASS.

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Receipts and Expenditures
OF THE
TOWN OF SHIRLEY
WITH
OTHER STATISTICAL MATTER
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1915



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TOWN OFFICERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1915

Town Clerk

Charles E. Bradford

Selectmen

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Edward J. Stevens | Term expires 1916 |
| Thomas D. Morin | Term expires 1917 |
| Charles H. Weare, Jr. | Term expires 1918 |

Assessors

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Henry W. Brockelman | Term expires 1916 |
| *Arthur E. Felch | Term expires 1917 |
| Charles H. Tewksbury | Term expires 1918 |
| †Arthur G. Dunn | Term expires 1916 |

Overseers of the Poor

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Edward M. Davis | Term expires 1916 |
| Howard M. Longley | Term expires 1917 |
| *Ezekiel J. Wilson | Term expires 1918 |
| †Arthur G. Dunn | Term expires 1916 |

School Committee

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Charles H. Weare, Jr. | Term expires 1916 |
| William H. Wilbur | Term expires 1917 |
| Thomas E. Lilly | Term expires 1918 |

*Resigned

†Appointed to fill out year

Board of Health

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Thomas E. Lilly | Term expires 1916 |
| Charles J. Peirce | Term expires 1917 |
| Walter Knowles | Term expires 1918 |

Constables

Arthur H. Bassett Thomas C. Burrill John H. Logue

Treasurer

Frederick W. Holden

Tax Collector

Ralph S. Wheeler

Tree Warden

A. A. Adams

Highway Superintendent

Gilbert M. Ballou

Auditors

S. LeRoy Longley Elmer H. Allen

Trustees of the Public Library

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Martha G. Conant | Term expires 1916 |
| Mary M. Nickless | Term expires 1916 |
| Charles H. Weare, Jr. | Term expires 1917 |
| William H. Wilbur | Term expires 1917 |
| Hittie W. Evans | Term expires 1918 |
| Mabel G. Hazen | Term expires 1918 |

Registrars of Voters

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| J. Edwin Pomfret | Term expires 1916 |
| Guy R. Cook | Term expires 1917 |
| Edmund F. O'Neil | Term expires 1918 |
| Charles E. Bradford | Clerk ex officio |

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Gentlemen—The Selectmen herewith submit their annual report for the year 1915:

West Groton Bridge—After considerable difficulty owing to the unprecedented high water in the Squannacook River and the heavy rains during the Spring and Summer of 1915, the work on the new bridge at West Groton was started at a time somewhat later than it was estimated upon that it would have been completed and completion was not accomplished till about the middle of October. However, we feel that we have a substantial and everlasting bridge and an economical one as far as maintenance is concerned. After letting the contract for the bridge an extremely high water level occurred in the river and it was deemed advisable in view of this fact to raise the bridge somewhat higher than was originally planned, which added additional cost for the structure and also additional outlay for grading the approach to the bridge on the Shirley side. The Selectmen are asking for a special appropriation of \$250.00 to cover this item of grading as the appropriation for the bridge was nearly all taken up by the actual cost on the bridge alone.

FINANCIAL

The Financial Statement in the fore part of the Town Report again shows the Town Treasury to be in a favorable condition.

GUIDE POSTS

In accordance with the requirements of the law we submit the following:

Guide posts have been maintained within the limits of the Town in compliance with Chapter 52 of the Revised Laws and Acts and Amendments thereof.

TOWN REPORTS

Town Reports are distributed about a week previous to the Annual Town Meeting and an effort will be made to have every citizen receive a copy. There will be no extra ones for distribution on Town Meeting Day and those who desire one to use at Town Meeting should bring their copy with them.

POLICE PROTECTION

December 13, 1915.

Citizens—One topic of much discussion during the past year has been the question of Police Protection about the Village. Numerous requests for an officer for various purposes and reasons have been made to the Selectmen, but owing to the limited appropriation made for this purpose and the fact that the citizens of the Town at the Town Meeting in February 1915 saw fit to disregard the question of an appropriation for this specific purpose, the Selectmen have felt that Police Protection was not wanted and upon these grounds have refused to grant most of the requests which were made to them for such protection.

We wish to call the attention of the citizens, however, to the numerous acts of lawlessness and other disturbances necessitating the services of a Police Officer, which have occurred during the past year. The more prominent of these are the liquor nuisances which were maintained on the outskirts of the Town; the death, by accident, on the Boston and Maine Railroad tracks at the easterly part of the Town; the robbery at the Parochial School, with the financial loss to the Sisters of the School, of approximately \$500.00; the robberies at St. Anthony's Church; the stabbing affray and general disturbance preceding a Polish ceremony; the break and vandalism at the High School Building; the complaints about loiterers in public places, raffles, and general mischievousness on occasions like May Night, night before July 4th, and Hallowe'en, to say nothing of various other complaints too numerous to mention.

There would appear to have been enough lawlessness during the past year to certainly warrant an officer on continuous day duty, throughout the year, at least part of each day.

It is an opportunity and a privilege which the citizens of this town have of deciding whether conditions next year shall be allowed to continue as they have in the past year or whether proper police protection shall be provided, as it is in other nearby towns of similar size and circumstances as this Town of ours, and an effort made to improve conditions.

We hope the citizens will give this question the consideration it demands. The question is: Shall we have a wide-open Town, or shall we have Police Protection?

E. J. STEVENS,
T. D. MORIN,
C. H. WEARE, JR.,

Selectmen of Shirley.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE WATER SYSTEM FOR SHIRLEY CENTER

Your committee appointed at the Annual Town Meeting in February 1915 to investigate this question have considered two propositions, one being a system connected to the Shirley Village Water District System and supplied by the Shirley Village Water District, and the other proposition being an independent system established and maintained by the inhabitants of Shirley Center.

After due consideration, it is the opinion of your committee that the independent system is the most feasible one and also the less expensive.

It is the opinion of your committee that a suitable water supply can be found in the vicinity of North Shirley and a pumping station operated electrically and pumping into a storage reservoir on the hill at the rear of the Center Schoolhouse would furnish a satisfactory system to serve both the Center and North Shirley.

If it is the sentiment of the citizens that it is desirable to continue this investigation and obtain an estimate of the approximate cost and a plan for a lay-out, we would suggest that an appropriation of \$250.00 be made, and either your present committee be re-appointed to continue this investigation, or a new committee appointed to be composed of residents of Shirley Center, and that the appointed committee be empowered to employ an Engineer to assist them in their investigation and draw up the plans and make the estimate, the same to be submitted to the Town for their action at some later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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| CHAS. E. BRADFORD, | } Committee. |
| CHAS. H. WEARE, JR., | |
| FRED'K W. HOLDEN, | |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 1915

Liabilities

| | |
|--|------------------|
| North Middlesex Savings Bank, 7 notes of \$500.00 each, one payable October 27 of each year | \$3,500 00 |
| Leominster Savings Bank, 1 note of \$600.00 payable January 15, 1916 | 600 00 |
| Interest on above notes | 32 70 |
| Balance due on account of West Groton Bridge | 277 50 |
| | <hr/> \$4,410 20 |

Assets

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Due from State, account of State Aid | \$342 00 |
| Due from State, account of Poor | 103 27 |
| Due from Towns, account of Poor | 1 00 |
| Due from Tax Collector for 1913 | 334 61 |
| Due from Tax Collector for 1914 | 1,120 72 |
| Due from Tax Collector for 1915 | 5,575 54 |
| Due from John R. Karvonen, account of forest fire | 45 00 |
| Cash on hand in treasury | 5,084 18 |
| | <hr/> \$12,606 32 |
| Balance in favor of Town | \$8,196 12 |

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Schools | \$6,002 84 |
| School incidentals and repairs | 355 52 |
| Supplies | 425 69 |
| Fuel | 528 97 |
| Superintendent | 410 01 |
| School Physician | 50 00 |
| Transportation | 1,727 15 |
| Town poor | 2,668 28 |
| Highways | 1,712 31 |
| Bridges and railings | 79 73 |
| Hydrant service | 1,220 00 |
| Exterminating moths | 707 17 |
| Memorial Day | 75 00 |
| Street lights | 1,600 30 |
| Incidentals | 735 44 |
| Salaries | 965 38 |
| Enforcement of law | 285 64 |
| Enforcement of liquor law | 44 75 |
| Tree Warden | 217 80 |
| Board of Health | 417 78 |
| Removing snow | 195 85 |
| Transportation of voters | 28 75 |
| Transportation of library books | 25 00 |
| Excise tax | 70 87 |
| Catch basin, Mill and Chapel | |
| Streets | 60 24 |
| Fire alarm system | 40 89 |
| Forest fires | 206 42 |
| Fire department | 546 82 |
| Library | 544 27 |
| Insurance | 150 24 |
| Center Cemetery | 165 17 |
| Village Cemetery | 265 97 |
| Elm Leaf Beetle | 200 30 |

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|--|----------|
| Cement sidewalks | 550 90 |
| Playground | 10 75 |
| Settlement of taxes 1914 | 64 19 |
| Settlement of taxes 1915 | 267 82 |
| Band stand | 225 00 |
| Band concerts | 200 00 |
| Soldiers' relief | 144 00 |
| State Aid | 342 00 |
| West Groton Bridge | 2,478 71 |
| Gideon C. West | 25 00 |
| Dust laying material | 595 00 |
| Plank walk on Shaker Road | 120 27 |
| Bonds of Treasurer and Tax Collector | 45 00 |
| Inspecting cattle 1914 | 49 50 |
| Foot and mouth disease 1914 | 47 00 |
| Investigation of Schoolhouse accommodations | 250 00 |

BONDS OF TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

| | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| Paid American Surety Co. of N. Y., Treasurer's bond for 1915 | \$20 00 | |
| Paid S. LeRoy Longley, Agent, Tax Collector's bond for 1915 | 25 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$45 00 |

BAND CONCERTS

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$200 00 |
| Paid Shirley Cornet Band | \$200 00 |

BAND STAND

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$100 00 | |
| Received from Shirley Cornet Band | 125 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$225 00 |
| Paid E. H. Longley | | \$225 00 |

TRANSPORTATION OF BOOKS

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| Appropriation | \$25 00 |
| Paid A. B. Cram | \$25 00 |

CATCH BASIN—MILL AND CHAPEL STREETS

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Appropriation | \$100 00 | |
| Paid N. E. Metal Culvert Co., pipe | \$28 98 | |
| Paid J. H. Logue | 14 63 | |
| Paid Patrick Shucrowe | 16 63 | |
| | <hr/> | \$60 24 |
| Unexpended balance | | <hr/> \$39 76 |

LAND DAMAGES

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Appropriation | \$25 00 |
| Paid Gideon C. West | \$25 00 |

ELM LEAF BEETLE

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$200 00 |
| N. R. Graves, teams | \$65 25 | |
| O. I. Cutler | 40 00 | |
| Dean Hewes | 35 00 | |
| A. A. Adams | 56 50 | |
| Geo. A. Devarney, repairs | 3 55 | |
| | | \$200 30 |
| Overdrawn | 30 | |

CEMENT SIDEWALKS

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$500 00 |
| Paid G. M. Ballou, stakes | 90 | |
| Paid E. H. Longley, cement work | 550 00 | |
| | | \$550 90 |
| Overdrawn | 90 | |

PLANK WALK ALONG PHOENIX CAUSEWAY

| | | |
|--|--------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$150 00 |
| Paid Grant Nail & Supply Co., nails | \$3 51 | |
| Paid Otis Allen & Son, lumber | 101 38 | |
| Paid Samson Cordage Works, labor | 15 38 | |
| | | \$120 27 |
| Unexpended balance | | \$29 73 |

TRANSPORTATION OF VOTERS

| | | |
|--------------------|--------|--------------|
| Appropriation | | \$30 00 |
| A. B. Cram | \$2 50 | |
| G. M. Ballou | 2 25 | |
| Clayton M. Wells | 14 00 | |
| A. L. Parker | 10 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$28 75 |
| Unexpended balance | | <hr/> \$1 25 |

MEMORIAL DAY

| | | |
|---|--|---------|
| Appropriation | | \$75 00 |
| Paid H. C. Sherwin, Q. M., Post 48, G. A. R. | | \$75 00 |

PLAYGROUND

| | | |
|---|--------|---------------|
| Balance from 1914 | | \$107 24 |
| George Holden | \$1 50 | |
| Shirley Village Water District, water rate | 4 00 | |
| Samson Cordage Works, faucet | 1 50 | |
| F. E. Park | 1 00 | |
| Clayton M. Wells | 1 75 | |
| Robert Read | 1 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$10 75 |
| Unexpended balance | | <hr/> \$96 49 |

INSURANCE

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|
| Appropriation | | \$160 00 |
| Paid K. E. Hazen | \$87 32 | |
| Paid S. LeRoy Longley | 62 92 | |
| | <hr/> | \$150 24 |
| Unexpended balance | | <hr/> \$9 76 |

CENTER CEMETERY

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$75 00 | |
| Income from invested funds | 89 10 | |
| | <hr/> | \$164 10 |
| Hobbs & Warren, record book | \$8 00 | |
| J. Fred Brown, services | 17 20 | |
| H. W. Brown, services | 10 00 | |
| Emanuel Chevrette, services | 90 39 | |
| Joseph John, services | 8 00 | |
| Albright & Leightcap, markers | 4 80 | |
| C. E. Bradford, supplies | 9 00 | |
| Conant Bros., supplies | 60 | |
| H. C. Harris, services | 4 80 | |
| C. R. White, tools | 90 | |
| National Express Company | 98 | |
| A. N. Hersom, services | 3 50 | |
| W. E. Brown, services | 7 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$165 17 |
| Overdrawn | \$1 07 | |

STATE AID

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Paid (year of 1915) | \$342 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

HYDRANT SERVICE

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,220 00 |
| Paid Shirley Village Water District | \$1,220 00 |

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Paid (year of 1915) | \$144 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

FIRE ALARM SIGNAL SYSTEM

| | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Appropriation | \$50 00 |
| Paid Samson Cordage Works | \$40 89 |
| Unexpended balance | \$9 11 |

INSPECTING CATTLE

(1914)

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| George S. Wells | \$49 50 |
|-----------------|---------|

ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAW

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$100 00 |
| Thomas C. Burrill | \$12 50 |
| A. H. Bassett | 3 25 |
| T. D. Morin | 9 00 |
| J. H. McMahon, counsel | 20 00 |
| | \$44 75 |
| Unexpended balance | \$55 25 |

VILLAGE CEMETERY

| | | |
|---|---------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$75 00 | |
| Received from invested funds | 103 33 | |
| Sale of lots | 147 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$325 83 |
| Samson Cordage Works, labor | \$1 00 | |
| Hobbs & Warren, record book | 8 00 | |
| H. S. Turner, printing | 12 25 | |
| Shirley Village Water District, water rate and tax | 12 85 | |
| Joseph John, services | 25 00 | |
| J. Fred Brown, services | 32 71 | |
| H. W. Brown, services | 70 70 | |
| Albright & Leightcap, lot markers | 4 80 | |
| A. E. Lawrence, fertilizer | 3 50 | |
| National Express Company | 98 | |
| Edw. Martin, services | 2 00 | |
| Conant Bros., supplies | 80 | |
| A. N. Hersom, services | 6 87 | |
| Joseph Breck & Sons, seed and fertilizer | 23 24 | |
| Emanuel Chevrette, services | 17 32 | |
| C. R. White, supplies | 3 90 | |
| Ida M. Hazen, loam | 5 00 | |
| E. H. Longley, cement work | 15 30 | |
| W. C. Wolff, services | 5 00 | |
| Clayton M. Wells, teams | 12 50 | |
| George A. Devarney, repairs | 2 25 | |
| | <hr/> | \$265 97 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Unexpended balance | | \$59 86 |

BOARD OF HEALTH

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$300 00 | |
| From Trustees Hospital for Consumptives | 22 14 | |
| | <hr/> | \$322 14 |
| T. E. Lilly, inspecting | \$26 00 | |
| services | 29 73 | |
| fumigating | 54 92 | |
| auto hire | 2 00 | |
| expense | 6 23 | |
| Brockelman Bros., supplies | 6 74 | |
| Alphine Heroux, loss of wages | 11 98 | |
| Mrs. LePage, loss of wages | 22 51 | |
| A. H. Jubb, inspecting slaugh- tering | 114 50 | |
| A. E. Felch, inspecting milk | 2 73 | |
| Walter Knowles, inspecting | 22 00 | |
| expense | 4 80 | |
| salary as clerk | 20 00 | |
| miscellaneous | | |
| services | 2 00 | |
| A. E. Felch, services at pest house | 3 20 | |
| H. S. Turner, printing | 4 85 | |
| Mrs. J. M. Provost, loss of wages | 24 75 | |
| Burbank Hospital | 53 14 | |
| J. L. Kennison, printing | 1 00 | |
| National Express Company | 56 | |
| Hobbs & Warren, supplies | 4 14 | |
| | <hr/> | \$417 78 |
| Overdrawn | \$95 64 | |

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$100 00 |
| G. M. Ballou, teams and material | \$33 78 | |
| Patrick Shucrowe, services | 25 50 | |
| J. H. Logue, services | 15 00 | |
| Daniel Credit, services | 4 00 | |
| L. J. Farnsworth, services | 1 10 | |
| Samson Cordage Works, hoop iron | 35 | |
| | | \$79 73 |
| Unexpended balance | | \$20 27 |

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (1914)

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| George S. Wells | \$47 00 |
|-----------------|---------|

BRIDGE—WEST GROTON

| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| Appropriation | | \$2,500 00 |
| Beaver Contracting & Engineering Company | \$2,229 59 | |
| Burton S. Brown, engineer | 170 00 | |
| R. C. Brown, granite panel | 18 00 | |
| Bixby-Webber Co., supplies | 1 59 | |
| W. V. Bixby, services | 34 83 | |
| C. H. Bartz, electrical work | 12 50 | |
| C. H. Weare, Jr., miscellaneous expense | 12 20 | |
| | | \$2,478 71 |
| Unexpended balance | | \$21 29 |

ENFORCEMENT OF LAW

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Appropriation | \$150 00 | |
| From First District Court, Ayer | 7 20 | |
| | | <hr/> \$157 20 |
| | | |
| T. C. Burrill, constable | \$105 91 | |
| W. E. Barnard | 5 00 | |
| George A. Devarney, services | 3 58 | |
| M. E. Lawrence, services | 2 10 | |
| A. L. Parker, teams | 6 25 | |
| Dr. Thomas E. Lilly, auto hire | 5 00 | |
| E. O. Proctor, auto hire | 2 00 | |
| J. H. Logue, constable | 5 00 | |
| J. H. Logue, dog officer | 10 00 | |
| Whitaker-Cushing Co., supplies | 2 00 | |
| C. F. Worcester, town counsel | 35 00 | |
| E. H. Longley, cement cesspool | 11 00 | |
| C. H. Kennison, keys to lockup | 75 | |
| Frank Pelote, special police | 2 25 | |
| Clayton M. Wells, teams | 2 00 | |
| A. H. Bassett, constable | 6 00 | |
| James Gately, janitor | 25 00 | |
| James Gately, meals to prisoners | 15 25 | |
| G. M. Ballou, fuel | 3 55 | |
| A. H. Bassett, July 4 and 5 | 6 50 | |
| Thomas F. Gately, July 4 | 3 00 | |
| John T. Smith, July 4 | 3 00 | |
| James H. Gately, July 4 | 3 00 | |
| Walter Knowles, July 4 and 5 | 6 00 | |
| Joseph Allen, July 4 | 3 00 | |
| Fred Smith, July 4 | 3 00 | |
| Joe Comoe, July 4 | 3 00 | |
| | | <hr/> \$285 64 |
| | | |
| Overdrawn | \$128 44 | |

FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | | |
|--|---------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$600 00 |
| Shirley Electric Co. | \$22 03 | |
| Barney Bodah, janitor | 50 00 | |
| R. S. Wheeler, Woods Village fire | 3 25 | |
| Joseph Gately, salaries | 265 00 | |
| Guy R. Cook, Woods Village fire | 3 25 | |
| Joseph Murphy, Woods Village fire | 3 25 | |
| Barney Bodah, Woods Village fire | 1 00 | |
| Sylvester Chesbro, Woods Village fire | 3 25 | |
| Clayton M. Wells, teams | 15 25 | |
| C. R. White, food | 6 43 | |
| W. H. Brown, services | 2 25 | |
| A. L. Parker, teams | 2 00 | |
| George A. Devarney, services | 3 45 | |
| Whitaker-Cushing Co., supplies and rewiring fire alarm boxes | 52 01 | |
| Barney Bodah, July 4 | 2 50 | |
| Guy R. Cook, July 4 | 2 50 | |
| Joseph Murphy, July 4 | 2 50 | |
| Charles J. Stebbins, July 4 | 2 50 | |
| Charles J. Stebbins, services | 75 | |
| Curtis Chair Co., 2 chairs | 35 00 | |
| George Wilson, services | 75 | |
| C. R. White, supplies | 4 90 | |
| Shirley Village Water District, water rates | 8 00 | |
| Ferdinand Furniture Co., desk | 20 00 | |
| Thomas J. Gately, engineer | 30 00 | |
| Thomas J. Gately, clerk | 5 00 | |
| | | \$546 82 |
| Unexpended balance | | \$53 18 |

LIBRARY

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$300 00 | |
| Dog tax | 226 87 | |
| Longley Library Fund | 10 10 | |
| | <hr/> | \$536 97 |
| Grace M. Kilburn, librarian | \$109 42 | |
| John H. Will, janitor | 3 50 | |
| E. B. Winterbottom, janitor | 32 81 | |
| W. H. Brown, janitor | 21 50 | |
| Shirley Electric Co., light | 8 60 | |
| A. Draffin | 2 60 | |
| M. E. Lawrence, services | 4 58 | |
| L. W. Porter, fuel | 34 11 | |
| H. S. Turner, printing | 1 50 | |
| C. W. Phelps, services | 2 50 | |
| Arline Wilbur, cataloguing | 5 45 | |
| Jordan, Marsh Co., books | 1 75 | |
| Old Corner Book Store, books | 179 58 | |
| Office Specialties DeLux, books | 1 06 | |
| Michael Gionet, janitor | 35 20 | |
| National Express Company | 30 | |
| Boston & Maine Railroad | 77 | |
| J. L. Kennison | 6 85 | |
| C. E. Perrin | 3 20 | |
| Shirley Village Water District, water rate | 8 00 | |
| Nichols & Frost, books | 14 13 | |
| G. M. Ballou, fuel | 5 75 | |
| Abbie J. Wells, book | 2 00 | |
| Conant Bros., supplies | 67 | |
| E. J. Barnard, books | 24 12 | |
| George A. Devarney, services | 75 | |
| F. W. Holden, magazines | 32 50 | |
| L. J. Lampson, books | 1 07 | |
| | <hr/> | \$544 27 |
| Overdrawn | \$7 30 | |

EXTERMINATION OF MOTHS

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Appropriation | \$524 04 | |
| Received from State | 160 06 | |
| Individuals | 127 40 | |
| F. W. Holden, for tree tanglefoot | 4 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$816 00 |
| C. Russell Miner | \$3 00 | |
| Ernest Bohanon | 95 00 | |
| A. A. Adams | 389 00 | |
| Richard Murray | 22 00 | |
| David B. Marsh | 60 | |
| Lester Holden | 20 00 | |
| Winifred D. Weeks | 8 00 | |
| O. I. Cutler | 92 00 | |
| H. L. Dodge | 19 00 | |
| C. E. Bradford, supplies | 10 15 | |
| N. R. Graves, teams | 18 00 | |
| C. R. White, supplies | 5 42 | |
| Henry Wallentes | 4 00 | |
| E. J. Stevens, mailing notices | 2 00 | |
| R. S. Wheeler | 19 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$707 17 |
| Unexpended balance | | <hr/> \$108 83 |

STREET LIGHTS

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Appropriation | | \$1,700 00 |
| Shirley Electric Company | \$1,590 30 | |
| Town of Groton | 10 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,600 30 |
| Unexpended balance | | <hr/> \$99 70 |

ESTIMATES FOR 1916

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Schools | \$3,500 00 |
| School Physician | 50 00 |
| Superintendent of Schools | 200 00 |
| Transportation | 1,750 00 |
| Fuel | 400 00 |
| Supplies | 450 00 |
| Incidentals and repairs | 400 00 |
| Town poor | 1,500 00 |
| Highways | 1,500 00 |
| Bridges and railings | 100 00 |
| Exterminating moths | 532 85 |
| Memorial day | 50 00 |
| Street lights | 1,900 00 |
| Town incidentals | 900 00 |
| Salaries | 1,100 00 |
| Enforcement of law | 200 00 |
| Tree Warden | 100 00 |
| Board of Health | 500 00 |
| Removing snow | 200 00 |
| Transportation of voters | 30 00 |
| Transportation of books | 25 00 |
| Payment of notes | 500 00 |
| Interest | 300 00 |
| Insurance | 75 00 |
| Library | 300 00 |
| Fire alarm system | 50 00 |
| Forest fires | 100 00 |
| Fire department | 600 00 |
| Center cemetery | 75 00 |

FOREST FIRES

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$100 00 | |
| Received from H. W. Fuller, account brush fire | 10 75 | |
| | <hr/> | \$110 75 |
| Arthur G. Dunn, services | \$9 75 | |
| Clayton M. Wells, teams | 12 25 | |
| L. W. Porter, team | 1 00 | |
| C. R. White, supplies | 23 23 | |
| F. W. Holden | 145 66 | |
| Badger Fire Extinguisher Co., supplies | 2 40 | |
| R. N. Graves | 50 | |
| A. R. Divoll | 1 13 | |
| Rose Harvard | 75 | |
| Frank Harvard | 75 | |
| A. N. Hersom | 4 00 | |
| F. D. Weeks, acid | 5 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$206 42 |
| Overdrawn | \$95 67 | |

EXCISE TAX

| | | |
|---|---------|----------------|
| Amount of tax for 1915 | | \$188 68 |
| E. H. Longley, cement work | \$40 00 | |
| Patrick Shucrowe | 8 25 | |
| J. H. Logue | 2 00 | |
| G. M. Ballou | 20 62 | |
| | <hr/> | \$70 87 |
| Unexpended balance carried forward for use in 1916 | | <hr/> \$117 81 |

SETTLEMENT OF TAXES

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------|
| R. S. Wheeler, account 1914 | | |
| taxes | \$64 19 | |
| R. S. Wheeler, account 1915 | | |
| taxes | 267 82 | |
| | <hr/> | \$332 01 |

REMOVING SNOW

| | | |
|--------------------|---------|--------------|
| Appropriation | | \$200 00 |
| Clayton M. Wells | \$63 85 | |
| J. H. Logue | 6 75 | |
| Patrick Shucrowe | 39 75 | |
| George Haskins | 14 50 | |
| Charles E. Haskins | 23 50 | |
| Amos Bourguois | 8 00 | |
| Edgar Eisner | 75 | |
| Arthur Desmond | 1 00 | |
| C. Russell Miner | 2 25 | |
| H. W. Eisner | 3 00 | |
| G. M. Ballou | 23 50 | |
| R. S. Sargent | 1 25 | |
| Harry Bodah | 1 00 | |
| R. C. Blake | 6 75 | |
| | <hr/> | \$195 85 |
| Unexpended balance | | <hr/> \$4 15 |

INVESTIGATION OF SCHOOLHOUSE ACCOM- MODATIONS

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$250 00 |
| George C. Halcott, Architect | \$250 00 |

TREE WARDEN

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$200 00 |
| Amos Bourgeois | \$3 00 | |
| O. I. Cutler | 30 00 | |
| R. S. Wheeler | 8 00 | |
| H. L. Dodge | 19 00 | |
| A. A. Adams | 88 60 | |
| Lester Holden | 11 00 | |
| Dean E. Hewes | 13 00 | |
| George Holden | 14 00 | |
| William Thompson | 14 00 | |
| William Freeman | 12 50 | |
| C. R. White, supplies | 4 20 | |
| C. E. Bradford, supplies | 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$217 80 |
| Overdrawn | \$17 80 | |

SALARIES

| | | |
|--|---------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$900 00 |
| J. H. Logue, Selectman, for January, 1915 | \$10 00 | |
| A. E. Felch, Assessor | 7 50 | |
| H. W. Brockelman, Assessor | 101 25 | |
| Charles H. Tewksbury, Assessor | 109 13 | |
| Arthur G. Dunn, Assessor | 97 50 | |
| Frederick W. Holden, Treasurer | 175 00 | |
| Charles E. Bradford, Town Clerk | 75 00 | |
| E. J. Stevens, Selectman | 150 00 | |
| Thomas D. Morin, Selectman | 90 00 | |
| Charles H. Weare, Jr., Select- man | 150 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$965 38 |
| Overdrawn | \$65 38 | |

HIGHWAYS

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Appropriation (town roads) | | \$1,200 00 |
| C. E. Haskins | \$33 25 | |
| Patrick Shucrowe | 183 25 | |
| H. A. MacElroy | 12 15 | |
| Amos Bourgeois | 4 00 | |
| George Haskins | 2 00 | |
| Harry Bodah | 55 25 | |
| Clayton M. Wells | 108 86 | |
| Leslie Wells | 75 | |
| J. H. Logue | 132 88 | |
| George Holden | 7 56 | |
| Joe Comoe | 75 | |
| H. W. Eisner | 29 75 | |
| Peter Boucher | 25 50 | |
| G. M. Ballou, teams | 576 35 | |
| Gardner Wheeler | 47 75 | |
| Dominique Bourgeois | 37 00 | |
| K. Hazen, gravel | 3 30 | |
| Eugene Chevrette | 19 23 | |
| C. E. Bradford, imple- ments | 50 | |
| Clepho Couterier | 6 00 | |
| Conant Bros., supplies | 86 | |
| C. R. White, supplies | 7 22 | |
| C. H. Andrews | 2 20 | |
| R. C. Blake, gravel and services | 51 50 | |
| Wm. Wilkins, gravel | 1 20 | |
| H. M. Longley, gravel | 3 40 | |
| J. F. Brown, gravel | 4 50 | |
| | ————— | \$1,356 96 |

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|---|--------|------------|
| Appropriation (Ayer Road) | | \$800 00 |
| Merrimack Foundry & Machine Co., catch basin covers | \$5 00 | |
| Patrick Shucrowe | 15 60 | |
| John Baker, Jr. Co., road oil | 225 25 | |
| J. H. Logue | 12 75 | |
| G. M. Ballou | 96 75 | |
| | <hr/> | \$355 35 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,712 31 |
| Unexpended balance | | <hr/> |
| | | \$287 69 |

INCIDENTALS

| | | |
|---|---------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$900 00 |
| E. F. O'Neil, Registrar | \$10 00 | |
| A. L. Parker, teams | 9 00 | |
| Joseph Casavoy | 9 96 | |
| W. E. Barnard, janitor Town Hall | 65 00 | |
| Hobbs & Warren | 2 47 | |
| E. H. Allen, auditing | 18 57 | |
| Shirley Electric Co., lighting Town Hall | 28 65 | |
| H. S. Turner, printing town re- ports | 149 50 | |
| W. F. McCormack, Election Officer | 7 50 | |
| T. E. Lilly, vital statistics | 10 95 | |
| J. H. Logue, distributing town reports | 2 00 | |

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| T. D. Morin, expense | 25 |
| Joseph Murphy, Election Officer | 2 50 |
| Guy R. Cook, Registrar | 10 00 |
| F. W. Barry Beale & Co. | 2 41 |
| J. L. Kennison, printing | 23 00 |
| H. S. Turner, printing | 54 62 |
| W. Wright & Son, curtains | 3 75 |
| A. W. Brownell | 4 25 |
| Michael Gionet, Election Officer | 7 50 |
| Wakefield Daily Item, Asses- sor's book | 3 45 |
| J. H. McClellan, Election Officer | 5 50 |
| Shirley Village Water District, water for watering trough | 10 00 |
| L. D. Mudgett, Election Officer | 8 50 |
| H. O. Bangs, Election Officer | 7 50 |
| J. E. Pomfret, Registrar | 10 00 |
| T. J. Gately, Election Officer | 7 50 |
| G. F. Buxton, Election Officer | 8 50 |
| C. E. Bradford | 54 56 |
| F. A. Turner, rubber stamp | 1 00 |
| P. B. Murphy | 1 60 |
| W. & L. E. Gurley, sealer's ap- paratus | 31 13 |
| W. M. Sargent, printing | 5 00 |
| S. LeRoy Longley, auditing | 11 00 |
| E. A. Magovern, sign board | 2 00 |
| Whitaker-Cushing Co., electric lamps | 2 70 |
| H. W. Brockelman, supplies, Assessors | 1 85 |
| E. H. Longley, grading band- stand | 4 00 |
| Jeremiah H. Flynn, Election Officer | 7 00 |
| John H. Flynn, Election Officer | 5 00 |

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|---|-------|----------------|
| Walter Knowles, Election Officer | 5 00 | |
| Arthur G. Dunn, Election Officer | 7 00 | |
| A. A. Adams, Election Officer | 5 00 | |
| F. E. Parks, Sealer Weights and Measures | 1 13 | |
| W. M. L. McAdams, selectmen's book | 12 00 | |
| M. E. Lawrence, Election Officer | 5 00 | |
| H. W. McCoy, flagpole care | 5 00 | |
| W. L. Crockett, Election Officer | 3 00 | |
| Roderick E. Casavoy, Election Officer | 3 00 | |
| F. W. Holden, supplies | 23 78 | |
| E. J. Stevens, supplies, expense | 7 60 | |
| Wesley Comstock, Election Of- ficer | 3 00 | |
| W. J. Dawborn, Election Officer | 3 00 | |
| C. H. Weare, Jr., supplies and postage | 12 46 | |
| John H. Stickney | 5 05 | |
| W. E. Barnard, Election Officer | 3 00 | |
| A. H. Jubb, Election Officer | 3 00 | |
| L. J. Farnsworth, wood for Town House | 12 00 | |
| J. M. Stevenson, care of flag at Village | 6 75 | |
| | | <hr/> \$735 44 |
| Unexpended balance | | <hr/> \$164 56 |

TOWN POOR

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,500 00 |
| Received from State | 178 00 |
| Various towns | 133 64 |
| Town of Ayer | 53 57 |
| Town of Littleton | 51 77 |
| State | 143 01 |
| City of Fitchburg | 48 00 |
| | <hr/> \$2,107 99 |
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| F. L. Sanderson, milk | \$35 28 |
| G. M. Ballou, wood | 34 00 |
| Clinton Hospital Association, board | 510 42 |
| Commonwealth of Massachu- setts | 167 35 |
| Mrs. H. W. Farrar | 88 00 |
| City of Fitchburg | 37 14 |
| Brockelman Bros., medical supplies | 22 10 |
| H. O. Peasley, groceries | 165 25 |
| Mary LePage | 104 00 |
| Town of Leominster | 232 50 |
| C. R. White, groceries | 109 84 |
| C. E. Bradford, groceries | 128 20 |
| Joseph Casavoy, groceries | 80 12 |
| Thomas E. Lilly, professional services | 71 50 |
| E. J. Wilson, expense | 15 43 |
| E. M. Davis, wood | 30 00 |
| Daniel Harley, supplies | 20 51 |
| Conant Bros., groceries | 186 58 |
| H. M. Longley, milk | 6 62 |
| Louis Parmenter, services | 14 00 |
| George S. Wells, wood | 3 00 |
| L. W. Porter, coal | 4 31 |

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|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Clayton M. Wells, rent | 66 50 | |
| Samson Cordage Works, chamber set | 8 00 | |
| Whitaker-Cushing Co., supplies | 6 75 | |
| William Bulger, repairing shoes | 5 90 | |
| City of Boston | 14 29 | |
| Globe-Wernicke Co., supplies | 1 83 | |
| Daniel Credit, services | 4 00 | |
| Mrs. Samuel Sandlin, services | 1 00 | |
| John Johnson | 170 00 | |
| Etta E. Bliss | 47 25 | |
| L. F. Farnsworth, wood | 7 00 | |
| Town of Athol | 112 55 | |
| E. J. Wilson, salary | 50 00 | |
| Treffley Devarney, services | 1 90 | |
| N. R. Graves, milk | 5 04 | |
| H. S. Turner, printing | 5 75 | |
| A. G. Dunn, milk | 5 08 | |
| Shirley Cash Market | 14 15 | |
| J. F. Brown, services | 35 31 | |
| Harriet Shearer, board | 10 83 | |
| H. M. Longley, team hire | 3 00 | |
| T. C. Burrill, services | 1 00 | |
| H. M. Longley, salary | 15 00 | |
| E. M. Davis, salary | 10 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,668 28 |
| Overdrawn | \$560 29 | |

HIGHWAYS—OILING

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$600 00 |
| John Baker, Jr. Co. | \$595 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Unexpended balance | \$5 00 |

ASSESSORS' REPORT

The Assessors of the Town of Shirley submit the following as their report for the municipal year 1915:

| | | |
|--|------------|-------------|
| State tax | \$3,120 00 | |
| County tax | 1,622 16 | |
| State highway tax | 24 81 | |
| Town tax and overlay | 20,589 00 | |
| Moth work | 142 30 | |
| Fitchburg & Leominster Street Railway Co., excise tax | 188 68 | |
| After tax | 1,008 24 | |
| | <hr/> | \$26,695 19 |

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Rate, \$18.10 per \$1,000.00 | |
| Number of polls assessed, 621 | |
| Number of polls only, 423 | |
| Total personal estate as- sessed | \$403,648 00 |
| Total real estate assessed | 928,482 00 |
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| | \$1,332,130 00 |

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|------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Tax on personal estate | \$7,306 19 | |
| Tax on real estate | 16,807 78 | |
| Tax on polls | 1,242 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$25,355 97 |

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|--|--------------|
| Number of persons, corporations and estates exempt by law | 35 |
| Amount of this exempted | \$271,595 00 |
| Number of horses assessed | 195 |
| Number of cows assessed | 207 |
| Number of cattle other than cows as- sessed | 62 |
| Number of sheep assessed | 16 |
| Number of swine assessed | 57 |
| Number of dwelling houses assessed | 414 |
| Number of fowls assessed (value \$1,437.00) | 2,874 |
| Number of acres of land assessed | 9,317½ |

CHARLES H. TEWKSBURY,
HENRY W. BROCKELMAN,
ARTHUR G. DUNN,

Assessors of Shirley.

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

The following is a list of taxes abated for the year 1913 by the Assessors of Shirley and for causes stated:

| | |
|---|--------|
| Joseph A. Allen, paid in Leominster | \$2 00 |
| Dominick Bourgeois (son Fred paid in Gardner) | 2 00 |
| Joseph Baniel, not found | 2 00 |
| John Bobin, under age | 2 00 |
| Ivan C. Brown, not found | 2 00 |
| Alexander Bulger, deceased | 2 00 |
| Frank Barker, not found | 2 00 |
| Mike Banurkanis, not found | 2 00 |
| Louis Bisky, not found | 2 00 |
| James J. Byard, not found | 2 00 |
| Stanislau Carmiecki, not found | 2 00 |
| Francis P. Craig, not found | 2 00 |
| Arthur Carlson, not found | 2 00 |
| Frank O. Dadman, not found | 2 00 |
| Alice Dawborn, error | 2 88 |
| Israel L. Devarney, paid in Fitchburg | 2 00 |
| Frank Dinsmore, not found | 2 00 |
| William Donaldson, not found | 2 00 |
| Charles Delphone, not found | 2 00 |
| Maik Dorskesics, not found | 2 00 |
| Anthony Foster, unable | 2 00 |
| Herbert Farnsworth, unable | 2 00 |
| Richard L. Francis, not found | 2 00 |
| Alfred Gagnon, in navy | 2 00 |

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|--|-------|
| Robert E. Gately, in Boston | 2 00 |
| Joseph Giles, not found | 2 00 |
| Edward Gionet, paid in Groton | 2 00 |
| Maik Giza, not found | 2 00 |
| John Grovenecrny, not found | 2 00 |
| Walter W. Gwinnell, not found | 2 00 |
| Edward Graham, not found | 2 00 |
| James J. Graham, not found | 2 00 |
| Forest Hooper, in Canada | 2 00 |
| Forest Hooper, Jr., in Canada | 2 00 |
| Joseph Harper, not found | 2 00 |
| Oliver Hallet, paid in Yarmouth, N. S. | 2 00 |
| Ernest Hudson, not found | 2 00 |
| Tony Hocpod, not found | 2 00 |
| John Horbuck, not found | 2 00 |
| John Johnson, abated by the vote of town | 20 05 |
| Matthew Johnson, not found | 2 00 |
| Joseph Jolly, not found | 2 00 |
| Augustine Kalaychus, not found | 2 00 |
| John Kazcinskis, not found | 2 00 |
| Antonie Kourlscy, not found | 2 00 |
| Amedie LePage, in Canada | 2 00 |
| Fred Lambert, not found | 2 00 |
| Edward D. Lucy, in navy | 2 00 |
| Thomas Liazcyik, in Lawrence | 2 00 |
| Ashton A. Lakin, not found | 2 00 |
| Carrie Lakin, not found | 96 |
| Wade Malski, under age | 2 00 |
| Antonie Malus, deceased | 2 00 |
| Endy Mileske, not found | 2 00 |
| Michael J. McGinnis, in Arizona | 2 00 |
| Louis Morin, in Canada | 2 00 |
| Amel Morin, in Canada | 2 00 |
| Tony Moerkoet, not found | 2 00 |
| Theader Mishkines, not found | 2 00 |
| John R. McGillvray, not found | 2 00 |

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|--|------|
| Herman R. McIntire, paid in Leominster | 2 00 |
| Edward Marquis, not found | 2 00 |
| Stephan Norkus, under age | 2 00 |
| William H. Nudd, not found | 2 00 |
| Wortoid Nowakunski, not found | 2 00 |
| Maxine Nourkilis, not found | 2 00 |
| Joseph Pouteinis, not found | 2 00 |
| Joseph Paszakarnis, not found | 2 00 |
| Remie Pointbrand, not found | 2 00 |
| Christi Peterson, not found | 2 00 |
| Richard Parisey, not found | 2 00 |
| Frederick C. Provost, in navy | 2 00 |
| Frank R. Pierce, out of State | 2 00 |
| Andrew Pietras, not found | 2 00 |
| William G. Priest, out of town | 2 00 |
| Thadonse Roshuiski, not found | 2 00 |
| William Reilly, not found | 2 00 |
| Albert S. Saboll, out of town | 2 00 |
| Joseph A. Saboll, out of town | 2 00 |
| Andrezie Szymauski, not found | 2 00 |
| John Shudbliski, not found | 2 00 |
| Mike Smith, not found | 2 00 |
| Edward H. Sullivan, not found | 2 00 |
| Richard Swan, not found | 2 00 |
| John Shrubliski, not found | 2 00 |
| John Sagician, not found | 2 00 |
| Faustyn Scewicki, not found | 2 00 |
| John Shorch, not found | 2 00 |
| Joseph P. Sylvester, not found | 2 00 |
| Frank Tagnta, not found | 2 00 |
| Stanislau Varnszlis, not found | 2 00 |
| John Tuskociz, not found | 2 00 |
| Tony Vilkus, not found | 2 00 |
| Hector J. Wheeler, paid in Leominster | 2 00 |
| John Warszwilla, not found | 2 00 |
| Mike Worskaructz, not found | 2 00 |

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| Joseph Worcichowicz, not found | 2 00 |
| Joseph Woisznis, not found | 2 00 |
| Joseph Wolis, not found | 2 00 |
| Edwin D. Wharff, not found | 3 15 |
| David Washington, not found | 2 00 |
| John E. Weare, not found | 2 00 |
| Adam Zacovitich, not found | 2 00 |
| Charlotte Sanderson, not able | 26 88 |
| Hollingsworth & Vose, over taxed | 38 40 |

CHARLES H. TEWKSBURY,
HENRY W. BROCKELMAN,
ARTHUR G. DUNN,

Assessors.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

The Tree Warden's work, also the moth work, has been along the line of widening the roads, cutting the brush back to the walls and some places a little over the walls and trimming the trees so that the spray will have better effect. The brush has been mowed on nearly every mile of road in Town and quite a lot of heavy cutting has been done.

The State Forester advocates cutting out all the cherry trees, also the white birch, white oak and poplar and that is being done as far as possible.

The owners in some places are clearing the brush away from the walls inside of the fields and I hope more will do likewise, as it lessens the feeding ground for caterpillars.

A. A. ADAMS.

REPORT OF ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Shirley, Mass., January 6, 1916.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Shirley:

Gentlemen—The Engineers of the Fire Department hereby submit their annual report for 1915:

The town has been fortunate in having but few fires during the past year. The company consists of thirteen regular and three call men. The apparatus is in good order. We now have 1000 feet of rubber lined hose in good condition.

We would suggest the town appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars for the installation of a Fire Alarm Box on Center Road, opposite the residence of Charles Tewksbury. We would also suggest an appropriation of One Hundred Dollars to purchase Fire Extinguishers for use by the Fire Department.

We take this opportunity to thank you for your hearty coöperation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. J. STEBBINS, Chief,
THOMAS J. GATELY,
JOSEPH MURPHY,

Board of Engineers.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

For the year 1913

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| Balance due town January 1, 1915 | \$642 27 |
| Paid Town Treasurer | 307 66 |

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| Balance due town, mostly to be abated | \$334 61 |
| Paid Town Treasurer interest collected | \$60 58 |

W. H. CRAM, Collector.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Taxes of 1914

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Balance due December 31, 1914 | \$4,612 60 |
|-------------------------------|------------|

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|-------------------|------------|
| Paid to Treasurer | \$3,616 70 |
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|--------------------|--------|
| Interest collected | 124 82 |
|--------------------|--------|

\$3,491 88

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|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Amount due Town December 31, 1915 | 1,120 72 |
|--------------------------------------|----------|

\$4,612 60

RALPH S. WHEELER, Collector.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Taxes of 1915

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Warrant | | \$26,695 19 |
| Paid to Treasurer | \$21,126 64 | |
| Interest collected | 6 99 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$21,119 65 | |
| Amount due Town December | | |
| 31, 1915 | 5,575 54 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$26,695 19 |

RALPH S. WHEELER, Collector.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

| | |
|---|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,500 00 |
| 40 persons belonging to this town received aid amounting to | 2,237 00 |
| 13 persons belonging to this town and aided in other places amounted to | 914 02 |
| 10 persons belong to other towns and aided in this town amounted to | \$404 21 |
| Amount received from other towns | 403 21 |

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| Amount due from other towns | \$1 00 |
| Amount due from State under Chapter 763, Acts of 1913 | \$103 27 |
| Overdrawn | \$737 00 |

The Nathaniel Day fund is properly invested. From the accrued interest of \$108.35, has been paid \$105.00, leaving \$3.35 in the hands of the Town Treasurer, subject to the order of the Overseers of the Poor.

EDWARD M. DAVIS,
HOWARD M. LONGLEY,
EZEKIEL J. WILSON,

Overseers of the Poor.

LIST OF JURORS

Shirley, Mass., June 20, 1915.

List of Jurors for the municipal year 1915 and 1916, prepared and posted by the Selectmen of Shirley, in accordance with Chapter 176, Section 4, as amended by Chapter 348 of the Acts and Resolves of 1907.

| Name | Residence | Occupation |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Walter Knowles | Leominster rd | Weaver |
| Wm. A. L. Crockett | Great rd | Leather Cutter |
| Fred E. Sleeper | Leominster rd | Weaver |
| Sylvain Thomas | Front st | Weaver |
| Frank E. Kemp | Great rd | Farmer |
| John H. Will | Harvard rd | Weaver |
| Thomas D. Morin | Wilds rd | Salesman |
| J. Edwin Pomfret | Maple st | Asst. Supt. |
| John H. Flynn | Main st | Weaver |
| Charles H. Miner | Main st | Blacksmith |
| Michael Cotter | Church st | Weaver |
| Joseph Allen | Front st | Weaver |
| Edward L. Harkins | Church st | Merchant |
| Joseph Casavoy | Fredonian st | Merchant |
| N. Dana Sanderson | Maple st | Expressman |
| Fred Carson | Longley rd | Millman |
| John J. Chaisson | Leominster rd | Millman |
| Michael Gionet | Lancaster rd | Millman |
| Mirrick W. Carey | Brown rd | Farmer |
| Joseph H. McClellan | Page st | Clerk |
| Charles A. Ford | South st | Gardener |
| Chester W. Phelps | Page st | Chauffeur |

EDWARD J. STEVENS,
THOMAS D. MORIN,
CHARLES H. WEARE, JR.,

Selectmen of Shirley.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The past year has not been prolific of contagious diseases in our Town. With the exception of a mild epidemic at the State Industrial School for Boys, which has been taken care of in an efficient manner by the institution itself, the following cases of contagious diseases are all that have been reported: Diphtheria 6, scarlet fever 2, tuberculosis 1, pella-gra 1. During the fall term three cases of diphtheria occurred simultaneously in the primary grade of the Church Street School. The school was closed after cultures were taken from all the children. The school remained closed one week, no other cases having been detected, the school was reopened after being fumigated.

A number of complaints have been brought to the attention of the Board of violation of the town ordinances in matters affecting public health. These complaints were all investigated and warnings given that prosecution would follow failure to abate the nuisances.

Under an act of the previous legislature the local board is required to inspect the premises and dairies of all milk producers whose milk is sold beyond the borders of the Town and a permit is required from the Board in order that such milk may be sold. The Board has inspected the premises of all such producers of whom they have had any knowledge. On account of this and several other

recent enactments together with the expense of slaughtering compel the Board to ask for a larger appropriation.

The health of the Town during the past year has been better and the mortality lower than for a number of years.

DR. THOMAS E. LILLY,
WALTER KNOWLES,
DR. CHARLES J. PEIRCE,

Board of Health.

Shirley, Mass., January 7, 1916.

REPORT OF
VILLAGE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Village Cemetery Committee herewith submit the following report of credits and expenditures for year ending December 1, 1915:

Credits

| | | |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| Town appropriation | \$75 00 | |
| Sale of lots, 1915 | 147 50 | |
| Sale of lots, 1914 | 110 00 | |
| Income from Invested Funds | 103 33 | |
| | <hr/> | \$435 83 |

Expenditures

| | |
|--|----------|
| Hobbs & Warren, supplies | \$8 00 |
| Samson Cordage Works, labor | 1 00 |
| H. S. Turner, supplies | 12 25 |
| Shirley Village Water District, water | 12 85 |
| Allright & Light Cap, supplies | 4 80 |
| A. E. Lawrence, supplies | 3 50 |
| W. H. Wilbur, freight | 98 |
| Conant Bros. & Co., supplies | 80 |
| Joseph Breck & Son, supplies | 23 24 |
| C. R. White, supplies | 3 90 |
| E. H. Longley, cement work | 15 30 |
| Ida M. Hazen, loam | 5 00 |
| J. F. Brown, services | 32 71 |
| H. W. Brown, labor | 70 70 |
| Joseph Johns, labor | 25 00 |
| Edward Martin, labor | 2 00 |
| A. N. Hersom, labor | 6 87 |
| Emanuel Chevrette, labor | 17 32 |
| W. C. Wolff, labor | 5 00 |
| C. M. Wells, labor | 12 50 |
| G. A. Devarney, labor | 2 25 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$265 97 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance available | \$169 86 |

During the year the "new" part of the Cemetery has been ploughed and seeded down, in the older portion the usual care has been given the "perpetual care" lots and the cemetery in general.

C. H. WEARE, JR.,
J. F. BROWN,
D. C. PARSONS,

Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

| | |
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| Cash on hand January 1, 1915 | \$5,380 00 |
| Fitchburg Bank & Trust Co., temporary loans | 5,500 00 |
| Fitchburg Bank & Trust Co., interest on deposits | 90 86 |
| Worcester North Savings Insti- tution, temporary loan | 2,500 00 |
| Commonwealth of Massachusetts: | |
| Income of school fund | 921 61 |
| Acct. Trustees Hospital for Consumptives | 22 14 |
| Gypsy and brown-tail moth suppression | 173 51 |
| Corporation tax (business) | 3,599 17 |
| Corporation tax (public service) | 148 16 |
| National bank tax | 135 76 |
| Street railway tax | 287 74 |
| Reimbursement for loss of taxes | 230 21 |
| Temporary aid | 10 00 |
| Inspection of animals | 48 25 |
| High school tuition | 500 00 |
| Tuition of children | 76 50 |
| Aid to mothers | 143 01 |
| State aid | 336 00 |

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| George H. Brown, refund from State, account Superintendent of Schools | 250 00 |
| International Trust Co., income Gardner, Longley and Henry funds | 57 00 |
| Longley school fund | 231 11 |
| Parker school fund | 219 28 |
| Amount withdrawn from in- come on Village Cemetery funds as per schedule | 41 00 |
| Amount withdrawn from in- come on Center Cemetery funds as per schedule | 89 10 |
| North Middlesex Savings Bank, income Longley library fund | 10 10 |
| County of Middlesex, dog tax | 226 87 |
| Town of Ayer, aid to poor | 169 50 |
| City of Fitchburg, aid to poor | 212 71 |
| Town of Littleton, aid to poor | 72 77 |
| Town of Lancaster, tuition | 57 00 |
| C. H. Tremblay, tuition | 20 00 |
| M. S. Hastings, teacher's salary returned | 25 00 |
| Susan J. Hildreth, perpetual care of Nathaniel Hartwell cemetery lot | 100 00 |
| Henry Ware, executor estate John E. L. Hazen, perpet- ual care of Sarah C. S. F. Hazen cemetery lot | 100 00 |
| Nelson A. Holden estate, per- petual care of Nelson A. Holden cemetery lot | 100 00 |

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| Village Cemetery Committee, perpetual care of W. A. Booth cemetery lot | 100 00 |
| Village Cemetery Committee, lots sold | 147 50 |
| C. H. Weare, Jr., coal sold by School Committee | 23 42 |
| W. H. Wilbur, coal sold by School Committee | 39 08 |
| A. A. Adams, arsenic of lead and tree tanglefoot sold | 25 50 |
| William E. Barnard, rent of Town Hall | 71 00 |
| William E. Barnard, sale of lamp | 1 00 |
| Charles J. Stebbins, rent of Engine Hall | 2 50 |
| Thomas J. Gately, rent of En- gine Hall | 10 00 |
| Shirley Cornet Band, account of bandstand | 125 00 |
| D. C. Parsons, Clerk of Court, fines | 7 20 |
| A. E. Felch, butterine license | 50 |
| Francis Abodeely, peddler's license | 8 00 |
| National Express Co., pony ex- press license | 1 00 |
| Edward Harkins, pool and vic- tualler's licenses | 16 00 |
| David Malshman, junk license | 30 00 |
| Samuel Levine, junk license | 17 50 |
| Frank Esielionis, slaughtering license | 1 00 |
| Albert Wood, slaughtering li- cense | 1 00 |

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| A. E. Felch, milk licenses | 3 50 |
| Howard Fuller, account of work at forest fire | 10 75 |
| F. C. Johnson, Supt., account of books and supplies | 6 15 |
| William H. Cram, Collector of Taxes, 1913 | 368 24 |
| Ralph S. Wheeler, Collector of Taxes, 1914 | 3,616 70 |
| Ralph S. Wheeler, Collector of Taxes, 1915 | 21,126 64 |
| | <hr/> \$47,843 54 |

EXPENDITURES

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|---|----------|
| North Middlesex Savings Bank, note due October 27, 1915 | \$500 00 |
| North Middlesex Savings Bank, interest | 140 00 |
| Leominster Savings Bank, note due January 15, 1915 | 600 00 |
| Leominster Savings Bank, in- terest | 33 75 |
| Fitchburg Bank & Trust Co., temporary loan | 5,500 00 |
| Fitchburg Bank & Trust Co., interest | 98 90 |
| Worcester North Savings Insti- tution, temporary loan | 2,500 00 |
| Worcester North Savings Insti- tution, interest | 27 22 |
| Worcester North Savings Insti- tution, Nelson A. Hol- den cemetery fund in- vested | 100 00 |
| John E. L. Hazen cemetery fund invested | 100 00 |

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| Susan H. Hildreth cemetery fund invested | 100 00 |
| W. A. Booth cemetery fund invested | 100 00 |
| Commonwealth of Massachusetts, repairs of state highways | 24 81 |
| State tax | 3,120 00 |
| County of Middlesex, county tax | 1,622 16 |
| Bureau of Statistics, certifying notes | 6 00 |
| Selectmen's orders | 28,186 52 |
| Cash on hand December 31, 1915 | 5,084 18 |
| | <hr/> \$47,843 54 |

VILLAGE CEMETERY FUNDS IN HANDS OF TOWN TREASURER

| Fund | On hand Dec 31, 1914 | Income 1915 | Withdrawn 1915 | Balance Dec. 31, 1915 |
|------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| W. A. Booth | | | | \$100 00 |
| Geo. L. Davis | \$100 00 | \$4 04 | \$3 80 | 100 24 |
| Samuel Hazen | 106 12 | 4 55 | 3 80 | 106 87 |
| John E. L. Hazen | | 1 00 | 1 00 | 100 00 |
| Nelson A. Holden | | 2 00 | 2 00 | 100 00 |
| David Parker | 106 12 | 4 55 | 3 80 | 106 87 |
| Loring Parker | 106 12 | 4 55 | 3 80 | 106 87 |
| J. C. Parsons | 106 12 | 4 28 | 3 80 | 106 60 |
| A. A. Plimpton | 106 12 | 4 28 | 3 80 | 106 60 |
| Mary F. Pope | 105 08 | 4 24 | 3 80 | 105 52 |
| R. M. Priest | 106 12 | 4 28 | 3 80 | 106 60 |
| William Sawtell | 106 12 | 4 28 | 3 80 | 106 60 |
| Emery Williams | 106 12 | 4 28 | 3 80 | 106 60 |
| Totals | <hr/> \$1,054 04 | <hr/> \$46 33 | <hr/> \$41 00 | <hr/> \$1,359 37 |

CENTER CEMETERY FUNDS IN HANDS OF TOWN TREASURER

| Fund | On hand Dec. 31, 1914 | Income 1915 | Withdrawn 1915 | Balance Dec. 31, 1915 |
|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Esther L. Brown | \$121 34 | \$5 20 | \$3 50 | \$123 04 |
| Geo. E. Chandler | 109 84 | 4 43 | 3 50 | 110 77 |
| N. C. Day | 219 61 | 8 87 | 7 00 | 221 48 |
| Daniel Dodge | 116 17 | 4 68 | 3 50 | 117 35 |
| Rufus Fletcher | 116 17 | 4 68 | 3 50 | 117 35 |
| Mary J. Hastings | 100 00 | 4 04 | 3 50 | 100 54 |
| Susan H. Hildreth | | 1 00 | | 101 00 |
| Luke Holden | 121 88 | 5 21 | 3 50 | 123 59 |
| Luther Holden | 104 04 | 4 20 | 3 50 | 104 74 |
| E. A. Jenkins | 116 11 | 4 68 | 3 50 | 117 29 |
| Laura E. King | 124 18 | 5 00 | 3 50 | 125 68 |
| William Little | 113 00 | 4 85 | 3 50 | 114 35 |
| Samuel Longley | 121 34 | 5 20 | 3 50 | 123 04 |
| Sarah Mills | 118 53 | 4 76 | 7 00 | 116 29 |
| Sally M. Page | 397 16 | 16 05 | 12 50 | 400 71 |
| L. S. Phelps | 111 44 | 4 76 | 3 50 | 112 70 |
| George E. Rice | 109 84 | 4 43 | 3 50 | 110 77 |
| Julia C. Wing | 116 78 | 4 70 | 13 60 | 107 88 |
| H. A. Woods | 116 11 | 4 68 | 3 50 | 117 29 |
| Totals | \$2,453 54 | \$101 42 | \$89 10 | \$2,565 86 |

LIBRARY FUND IN HANDS OF TOWN TREASURER

| Fund | On hand Dec. 31, 1914 | Income 1915 | Withdrawn 1915 | Balance Dec. 31, 1915 |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Samuel Longley | \$250 00 | \$10 10 | \$10 10 | \$250 00 |

WORTHY POOR FUND IN HANDS OF TOWN TREASURER

| Fund | On hand Dec. 31, 1914 | Income 1915 | Withdrawn 1915 | Balance Dec. 31, 1915 |
|-----------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| N. C. Day | \$1,065 35 | \$43 00 | *105 00 | \$1,003 35 |

*Paid to Overseers of Poor.

TRUST FUNDS IN HANDS OF INTERNATIONAL TRUST CO.

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Longley School Fund | \$6,073 75 |
| Parker School Fund | 5,229 07 |
| Gardner Cemetery Fund | 500 00 |
| Longley Cemetery Fund | 500 00 |
| Henry Cemetery Fund | 500 00 |

The Treasurer asks for \$500.00 to pay note due October 27, 1916, and \$300.00 for interest on town debt and temporary loans.

FREDERICK W. HOLDEN,

Town Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We hereby certify as the result of our examination of the books of the Town Treasurer, ending January 1, 1916, that the receipts and disbursements have been examined. Vouchers are on hand for all disbursements and the cash on hand January 1, 1916, has been verified.

We have also verified the Trust Funds in the hands of the Treasurer.

ELMER H. ALLEN,
S. LEROY LONGLEY,

Auditors.

January 10, 1916.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The Trustees refer the citizens to the report of the Librarian for work done by the Library during the past year.

We hereby acknowledge gifts during the year 1915 from the following persons: Miss A. M. Holden, Mrs. Doris C. Wilson, Mrs. Abby J. Wells, Miss Marion Ballou, Frederick Tracy, Massachusetts Suffrage Association, Mrs. Hittie W. Evans, Herbert D. Allen, Mrs. A. T. Sandlin, Mrs. T. L. Hazen, Mrs. Alice L. Wright, Porter E. Sargent, Miss Lura A. White, Mrs. Lavonne Edgerton, Mrs. Louise Baker, Congregational C. E. Society, Mrs. Chetwood Smith, Miss Grace M. Kilburn, Ayer News, Mrs. Kate E. Hazen, Mrs. Henry Ware, Massachusetts Library Commission, Official Documents from State, Christian Science Publishing Company.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY M. NICKLESS,

For Trustees.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

The Librarian presents the following report for the year ending January 1, 1916:

Number of books in Library, 6136

Number of books added during year, 297

Number of books added by purchase, 197

Number of books added by gift, 100

Number of days Library has been open, 103

Number of books taken out, 7390

Highest number in any one month, 895

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE M. KILBURN,

Librarian.

BOOKS ADDED FOR CIRCULATION DURING THE YEAR 1915

FICTION

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|---|---------|
| Abbott, E. H. Indiscreet Letter | Ab2i |
| Allen, James L. Sword of Youth | Al5sw |
| Atkinson, Eleanor. Johnny Appleseed | At5 |
| Bailey, Temple. Contrary Mary | B15.1 |
| Barclay, Florence. My Hearts Right There | B23h |
| Barcyn'ska, Countess. Little Mother Who Sits at Home | B28.1 |
| Churchill, Winston. Far Country | C47f |
| Coolidge, A. C. Between Two Rebellions | C76.1 |
| Connor, Ralph. Patrol of the Sundance Trail | C76p |
| Dumas, Alexander. Three Guardsman | D89th |
| Erskine, Payne. Girl of the Blue Ridge | Ev8g |
| Gale, Zona. Neighborhood Stories | G13.1n |
| Gray, Phœbe. Little Sir Galahad | G79.1 |
| Grey, Zane. Lone Star Ranger | G86.3lo |
| Rainbow Trail | G86.3ra |
| Young Lion Hunter | G86.3y |
| Harrison, H. S. Angela's Business | H24.4an |
| Hepworth, George. Hiram Golf's Religion | H41h |
| Kingsley, F. M. Heart of Philma | K61.2h |
| Lincoln, Joseph C. Kent Knowles' "Quahaug" | L63ke |
| Thankful's Inheritance | L63t |
| Lippman, Julie. Martha and Cupid | L66mar |
| Locke, W. J. Jaffrey | L79.1j |
| Lutz, Grace L. H. Miranda | L96.2m |
| Maniates, B. K. Amarilly of Clothesline Alley | M31.1 |
| Montgomery, L. M. Anne of the Island | M76i |
| Golden Road | M76g |

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| Munn, Charles C. | Heart of Uncle Terry | M92.1h |
| Oppenheim, E. P. | Mr. Grex of Monte Carlo | Op5gr |
| Orczy, Baroness. | Unto Cæsar | Or2 |
| Palmer, Frederick. | Last Shot | P18.2 |
| Poole, Ernest. | Harbor, The | P78.1 |
| Porter, Eleanor H. | Pollyanna Grows Up | P83.2po |
| | Cross Currents | P83.2c |
| Porter, Gene Stratton. | Michael O'Hallaran | P83.1m |
| Richards, Laura. | | R41.3n |
| Tarkington, Booth. | Penod | T17p |
| | Turmoil, The | T17t |
| Twain, Mark. | Roughing It | T91r |
| Van Schaick, George. | Sweet Apple Core | V26.1 |
| Van Vorst, Marie. | Big Tremaine | V28.1 |
| Webster, Jean. | Dear Enemy | W39.1de |
| | Daddy-Long-Legs | W39.1d |
| Willsie, Honoré. | Still Jim | W68 |
| Widdemer, Margaret. | Rose Garden Husband | W63 |
| | John Van Buren, Politician | OJo |

NON-FICTION

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Angell, Norman. | Arms and Industry | 172.4b |
| Adams, F. U. | Conquest of the Tropics | 972.9a |
| Anderson, Isabel. | Spell of Japan | 914.5h |
| Atherton, Gertrude. | California | 979.4c |
| Bailey, L. H. | Plant Breeding | 630h |
| Bantock, Granville. | One Hundred Folk Songs | 398.8 |
| Barry, John D. | City of Domes | 979.4e |
| Beard, Charles A. | American Citizenship | 351.8a |
| Blanchan, Neltje. | How to Attract the Birds | 598i |
| Boardman, M. T. | Under the Red Cross Flag | 361a |
| Bolton, E. S. | Shirley Uplands and Inter- vales | 974.44e |
| Brown, Alice. | Children of Earth | 812.4n |

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| Browning, Robert. Works of R. Browning | 821.83a |
| Brynes, E. H. Wild Bird Guests | 598.2m |
| Cass, Alice H. Programs for Women's Clubs | 702 |
| Crawford, Mary C. Social Life in Old New England | 974d |
| Crothers, S. M. Meditations on Votes for Women | 324.3d |
| Dunn, A. W. Community and the Citizen | 351.8 |
| Eddy, Mary B. No and Yes | 615.851i |
| Pulpit and Press | 615.851j |
| Christian Science versus Pantheism | 615.851k |
| Sermons | 615.851l |
| Unity of Good | 615.851m |
| First Church of Christ, Scientist | 615.851n |
| Retrospection and Introspection | 615.851h |
| Eggleston, George C. Southern Soldier Stories | 973.78c |
| Euripedes. Plays of Euripedes, 2 vols. | 882.3 |
| Gillman, M. M. Meatless Cookery | 641e |
| Gompers, Samuel. Labor in Europe and America | 304e |
| Gordon, W. J. Flags of the World | 929.9a |
| Great Galveston Disaster | 975.4 |
| Hunt, Gaillard. Life in America One Hun- dred Years Ago | 973.5a |
| Hutchinson, Woods. Civilization and Health | 615a |
| Irving Washington. Astoria, 2 vols. | 917.96 |
| Kipling, Rudyard. Collected Verse | 821.87 |
| LaFarge, John. One Hundred Masterpieces | 757 |
| Lindercrone, Hegerman De L. Sunnyside of Diplomatic Life | L64S |
| Lounsberry, Alice. Gardens Near the Sea | 716c |
| MacKaye, Percy. Sistine Eve | 812.49t |
| MacKay, Constance D. Beau of Bath | 812.4o |
| Marden, O. S. Keeping Fit | |

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| Markham, Edwin. California | 979.4d |
| Matthews, Brander. Oxford Book American Essays | 810.4 |
| Munsterberg, Hugo. War in America | 301a |
| Navilla, Edward. Temple at Deir El-Bashari | Ref |
| Needham, Mary W. Folk Festivals | 791 |
| Nissen, Hartvig. Rational Home Gymnastics | 615.82 |
| Noble, Charles. Story of English Speech | 422.1 |
| Payne, M. E. What Can a Woman Do? | 640i |
| Phelps, E. S. Songs of the Silent World | 811.49u |
| Phyfe, W. H. P. 18,000 Words often Mispronounced | Ref |
| Preston, W. T. R. Strathcona | 971d |
| Rorer, S. T. Vegetable Cookery and Meat Substitutes | 641d |
| Sears, Clara E. Bronson Alcott's Fruitlands | Se1B |
| Singleton, Esther. Great Portraits | 757a |
| Famous Sculptures | 730 |
| Wonders of the World | 720.8 |
| Speaker. Volume V | 810.8 |
| Volumes II and III | 810.8 |
| Taft, Mrs. W. H. Recollections of Full Years | T13R |
| Waterman, Nixon. Book of Verses | 811.49t |
| Wentworth, M. C. War Brides | 812.4m |
| Wier, Albert E. Songs the Whole World Should Know | 784.8 |
| Wiley, H. W. Lure of the Land | 630g |
| Wilson, Woodrow. When a Man Comes to Himself | 810i |
| Guerber, H. A. Yourself and Your House Wonderful | Ref |
| Littell's Magazine. 84 volumes | Ref |
| Americana Encyclopædia | Ref |

JUVENILE FICTION

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| Alger, Horatio. Adrift in New York | j Al3a |
| Chester Rand | j Al3ch |
| Facing the World | j Al3f |
| Paul the Peddler | j Al3p |
| Bailey, C. S. Firelight Stories | j B15 |
| Burgess, Thornton. Boy Scouts on Lost Trail | j B91b |
| Adventures of Jerry Muskrat | j B91j |
| Adventures of Johnny Chuck | j B91jo |
| Adventures of Mr. Mocker | j B91mo |
| Boy Scouts on Swift River | j B91s |
| Chisholm, Louey. Stories for the Seven Year Old | j C44 |
| Claudy, C. H. Tell Me Why Stories | j C57t |
| Danielson, F. W. Animal School | j D22 |
| Fullerton, Hugh S. Jimmy Kirkland | j F96 |
| Grey, Zane. Young Pitcher | j G86.3 |
| Hopkins, W. J. Sandman Farm Stories | j H77f |
| Sandman More Farm Stories | j H77m |
| Hughes, Thomas. Tom Brown's School Days | j H87t |
| Molesworth, Mrs. Tell Me a Story and Her Baby | j M73te |
| Pearson, H. C. Her Opportunity | j P32.1op |
| Perkins, Lucy F. Irish Twins | j P41i |
| Eskimos Twins | j P41e |
| Rhoades, Nina. Girl from Arizona | j R34g |
| Stratemeyer, Edw. Dave Porter on Cave Island | j St8.1ca |
| Dave Porter, His Classmates | j St8.1cl |
| Dave Porter in the Gold Fields | j St8.1g |
| Dave Porter at Oak Hall | j St8.1o |
| Dave Porter's Return to School | j St8.1r |
| Dave Porter and His Rivals | j St8.1ri |
| Dave Porter and the Runaways | j St8.1ru |
| Dave Porter in the South Seas | j St8.1s |
| Dave Porter at Star Ranch | j St8.1st |

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| Tomlinson, E. T. Red Chief | j T59r |
| Wells, Carolyn. Majorie's Busy Days | j W46bu |
| Marjorie in Command | j W46co |
| Marjorie's Maytime | j W46ma |
| Marjorie's New Friend | j W46n |
| Marjorie at Seacote | j W46se |
| Marjorie's Vacation | j W46v |
| Wiggin, Kate W. Story Hour | j W63st |
| Wilmington, Laura. Outlook Story Book | j W72o |

JUVENILE NON-FICTION

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Bemister, Margaret. Thirty Indian Legends | j 398.2g |
| Brooks, E. S. True Story of United States | 973f |
| Eastman, Charles A. Indian Scout Talks | j 970.1k |
| Fairford, Ford. Peeps at Many Lands—Cuba | j 972.91 |
| Peeps at Many Lands—Newfound- land | j 971.8 |
| Gordon, Elizabeth. What We Saw at Madame World's Fair | j 979.4f |
| Kelly, E. T. Egypt | j 962b |
| Peeps at Many Lands—Burma | j 915.4 |
| Liddle, Rev. William. Peeps at Many Lands —Sweden | j 948.5 |
| McDonald, E. B. Hassam in Egypt | j 962a |
| Josepha in Spain | j 946a |
| Collette in France | j 914.4 |
| Marta in Holland | j 914.92 |
| McManus, Blanche. Hamid, Our Little Arabian Cousin | j 915.3 |
| Sanford, F. G. Arts Crafts for Beginners | j 600a |
| Schauffler, R. H. Mother's Day | j 973.76g |
| True Stories of Great Americans | j 940b |
| Tomlinson, E. T. Places Young Americans Want to Know | j 973g |

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| Verrill, A. Hyatt. Harper's Book for Young Gardeners | j 630 |
| Wade, Mary H. Our Little German Cousin | j 943c |

MAGAZINES

(Bound)

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| World's Work | W1913.2 |
| World's Work | W1914.1 |
| World's Work | W1914.2 |
| Century | C1913.2 |
| Century | C1914.1 |
| Century | C1914.2 |
| Harper's | H1913.1 |
| Harper's | H1913.2 |
| Harper's | H1914.1 |
| Harper's | H1914.2 |
| National Geographic | G1914.1 |
| National Geographic | G1914.2 |
| National Geographic | G1915.1 |
| New England | N.E.1912.1 |
| New England | N.E.1912.2 |
| New England | N.E.1913.1 |
| New England | N.E.1913.2 |
| New England | N.E.1914.1 |
| Outlook | O1914.1 |
| Outlook | O1914.2 |
| Outlook | O1914.3 |
| Outlook | O1915.1 |
| St. Nicholas | j S1913.1 |
| St. Nicholas | j S1913.2 |
| St. Nicholas | j S1914.1 |
| Review of Reviews | R1894.1 |
| Review of Reviews | R1894.2 |

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

BIRTHS RECORDED, 1915

| DATE | NAME | PARENTS |
|----------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| January | | |
| 11 | Mary Elizabeth Hachey | George and Christine (Gionet) |
| 12 | Marianne Bulger | William and Mary (Guilbault) |
| 20 | Yanina Korkucz | Joseph and ——— |
| 20 | Teofiliza Korkucz | Joseph and ——— |
| 21 | Donald Bentley Dodge | Henry L. and Martha B. (Wheeler) |
| 26 | John Novakuuska | Michael and Casimira (Milka) |
| 30 | Stillborn | |
| 31 | George Franklin Coleman | Arthur and Ella M. (Sanderson) |
| February | | |
| 4 | Joseph Serafinka | Stanislas and Mary (Bobnis) |
| 10 | Francois Albert Murray | Richard and Alexina (L'Ecuyer) |
| 20 | Waina William Kaaski | Solomon and Helen (Kaaski) |
| 21 | Samuel Cutler | Morris and Fannie (Palestine) |
| March | | |
| 3 | Frank Wesley Brockelman | Frank C. and Annie (Slocum) |
| 5 | Arthur Winslow Walenta | Henry H. and C. Grace (Taylor) |
| 10 | Ameilie Aurga | Michael and ——— |
| 25 | Beatrice Mary Gately | Joseph and Blanche (Credit) |
| April | | |
| 18 | Amelia Annie Sanderson | N. Dana and Margaret (McLeod) |
| 23 | Joseph William Eisner | Everett and ——— (Cormier) |
| 26 | Joseph Kutlas | John and Rose |
| 26 | James Ambros Carson | Fred and Janette B. (Fitzgerald) |
| 30 | Dorothy Elizabeth Harris | Horace and Margaret (Evans) |
| May | | |
| 5 | Joseph George Albert Cormier | John and Clarice (Gionet) |
| 17 | Joseph Kubiak | Joseph and Maryanna (Kacmarcyk) |
| 19 | Martha Augusta Boutelier | William A. and Emma C. (Carlson) |

June

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|----|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 9 | Mary Vilkus | Anthony and Julia (Melanovitch) |
| 14 | Clarence David Smith | Frederick and Annie (Lambert) |
| 27 | Sophia Swiatek | Francis and Rosalia (Jaksima) |

July

| | | |
|----|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Elsie North | Donald C. and Alena O. (Underhill) |
| 1 | Mary Wasilenskis | Joseph and Mary (Pashakarnis) |
| 9 | Joseph Laurence Gionet | Joseph and Agnes (Landry) |
| 10 | William Morris Davis | Edward M. and ——— |
| 14 | Anthony Nita | Andrew and Annie (Jakiebozk) |
| 25 | Emelie Gionet | Francis and ——— |

August

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|----|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Doris Maylin | Ralph E. and Florence L. (Hill) |
| 9 | Zofie Aurga | Ignatim and Martella (Wasilenskis) |
| 20 | Charles August Stebbins | George A. and Mary A. (Gionet) |
| 31 | Joseph Lubintz | Louis and ——— |

September

| | | |
|----|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 5 | Harry Donald Chesborough | Sylvester and Eleanor (Miner) |
| 17 | ——— Gilmartin | John and Delia (Bastien) |
| 27 | Joseph Armand Michand | Ernest and Margaret (Lulen) |

November

| | | |
|----|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 14 | Patrick McNally | Charles and May (Cournoyer) |
| 18 | Alfred Leo Cournoyer | Napoleon and Marie (Lepage) |

December

| | | |
|----|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 10 | Geneffa Gaidisz | Stanislas and ——— |
| 22 | Ginia Victoria Wesolowski | Wojceick and Rosalie (Gotas) |
| 31 | Aurele Alfred Pelote | Francis and Gertrude (Brace) |

MARRIAGES RECORDED, 1915

| DATE | NAME | AGE | RESIDENCE |
|---------|-------------------|-----|-----------|
| January | | | |
| 23 | Andrej Pietras | 22 | Shirley |
| | Katazina Haberska | 19 | Shirley |

February

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| 13 | Sanislaw Froncek | 24 | Shirley |
| | Franciska Haberska | 22 | Shirley |

April

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|----|---------------------------|----|---------|
| 19 | Jonas Kavlaicia | 28 | Athol |
| | Kastancija Staponavicinte | 20 | Shirley |
| 26 | Philip Sideleau | 23 | Shirley |
| | Jennie Pelotte | 19 | Shirley |

May

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|----|----------------------|----|-------------------|
| 2 | Stanislaw Woitkewicz | 32 | Maynard |
| | Mary Kockolonis | 20 | Shirley |
| 23 | Kazmess Mielko | 28 | Manchester, N. H. |
| | Anna Lisovska | 19 | Shirley |
| 30 | Joseph Szmanski | 21 | Southbridge |
| | Katazyna Diekonska | 17 | Shirley |

August

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|----|-------------------------|----|-----------|
| 1 | Jozapas Brasos | 23 | Shirley |
| | Kastancije Pasakarnaiti | 20 | Shirley |
| 7 | Adam Stafanek | 22 | Shirley |
| | Kaznina Jakubczyk | 19 | Shirley |
| 15 | Kazimes Marcum | 22 | Shirley |
| | Mariana Buklesewicz | 21 | Shirley |
| 31 | Hubert Samuel Leach | 30 | Worcester |
| | Lillian Luella Shepard | 32 | Shirley |

September

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|----|---------------------|----|---------|
| 26 | Felix Kufel | 22 | Shirley |
| | Paulinia Wesolowska | 22 | Shirley |
| 30 | Harold L. Kemp | 19 | Shirley |
| | Sarah E. Wood | 23 | Shirley |

October

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|----|----------------------|----|---------|
| 3 | Peter Patkawko | 23 | Shirley |
| | Mary Balciunas | 22 | Shirley |
| 3 | Michael Laszokiewicz | 21 | Shirley |
| | Mariana Liubianec | 19 | Shirley |
| 6 | William A. J. Daley | 32 | Shirley |
| | Margaret A. Walsh | 22 | Ayer |
| 27 | Clarence Lohnes | 29 | Shirley |
| | Nancy Love | 31 | Shirley |

November

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|----|---------------------|----|---------|
| 15 | Henry D. Bodah | 22 | Shirley |
| | Annie O'Malley | 20 | Shirley |
| 21 | Maik Andros | 26 | Shirley |
| | Pietrusia Norkos | 20 | Shirley |
| 21 | Piotr Siedlicki | 21 | Shirley |
| | Stanislewa Stafanak | 19 | Shirley |
| 22 | Roderick Casavoy | 25 | Shirley |
| | Blanche Saunders | 20 | Ayer |
| 22 | Edward L. Harkins | 34 | Shirley |
| | Gertrude L. McNally | 27 | Shirley |
| 27 | Edward Pelote | 22 | Shirley |
| | Lena Bosse | 28 | Shirley |

December

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| 12 | Frank E. Maccaffrey | 26 | Leominster |
| | Ojill Penaseau | 19 | Shirley |
| 30 | Fremont W. Keyes | 23 | Auburndale |
| | Esther Gertrude Harris | 19 | Shirley |

DEATHS RECORDED, 1915

| DATE | NAME | BIRTHPLACE | AGE | | |
|----------|------------------------------|---------------|------|------|------|
| | | | Yrs. | Mos. | Dys. |
| January | | | | | |
| 19 | Clementine Averill McMichael | Maine | 80 | 1 | 2 |
| 23 | George Sedileau | Canada | 64 | 1 | 17 |
| 23 | Wilbur Jacob Nelson | Lynn | 22 | 1 | 1 |
| 27 | George Thomas | Canada | 18 | 9 | 4 |
| 30 | Stillborn | Shirley | — | — | — |
| February | | | | | |
| 6 | Yanina Korkucz | Shirley | — | — | 17 |
| March | | | | | |
| 3 | Stillborn | Shirley | — | — | — |
| 15 | Frances Jane Bliss | Harvard | 72 | 5 | — |
| 17 | Sarah Caroline Hazen | Wilton, N. H. | 82 | 9 | 11 |
| 21 | Lucy Ann Adams | Lunenberg | 86 | 6 | 9 |
| 30 | Charlie Tarara | Shirley | — | 5 | 16 |
| 31 | Michael Bulger | Shirley | 5 | 10 | 12 |

April

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|----|------------------------|---------|----|----|----|
| 2 | Thomas Hasset | Ireland | 64 | — | — |
| 10 | Donald B. Dodge | Shirley | 0 | 2 | 20 |
| 16 | John Neat | Unknown | 70 | 11 | 12 |
| 20 | Amelia Annie Sanderson | Shirley | — | — | 2 |
| 27 | Marguerite Landry | Canada | 28 | 2 | 5 |

May

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|----|---------------------|---------------|----|-------|----|
| 18 | Fozel Kubiak | Poland | | about | 21 |
| 19 | Estella Irene Sneli | Fairfax, Vt. | 47 | 4 | 25 |
| 22 | James H. Harold | New Brunswick | 68 | 9 | 18 |
| 25 | Grace Eliza Winslow | England | 59 | 11 | 1 |
| 31 | William J. Connors | Nova Scotia | 37 | 10 | 8 |

June

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|----|------------|---------|----|---|---|
| 12 | Mary Flynn | Ireland | 66 | 7 | 7 |
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July

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| 23 | Moses Chaisson | Canada | 84 | 11 | 8 |
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August

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| 9 | Elizabeth McGinnis | Southbridge | 46 | 10 | 24 |
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September

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| 1 | Agnes Stebbins | Canada | 69 | 11 | 2 |
| 6 | Gustafe Gionet | New Brunswick | 75 | 5 | 7 |
| 8 | Alexander Roberts | Somerville | 16 | 2 | 15 |
| 17 | ———— | Shirley | | 2 hours | |

October

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| 5 | Samuel James | Maine | 73 | 4 | 29 |
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November

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| 19 | John Adams | Shirley | 84 | — | — |
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December

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|----|---------------------|-----------------|----|---|----|
| 10 | Jesse L. Sargent | Franklin, N. H. | 65 | — | — |
| 17 | Sara Gertrude Rugg | Shirley | 53 | 3 | 13 |
| 19 | John Flynn | England | 83 | 3 | 28 |
| 30 | Usias Chiasson, Jr. | Shirley | 4 | 5 | 24 |

April, 1914

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| 6 | John E. L. Hazen | Dorchester | 55 | 6 | 21 |
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NOTICE

Errors in record or in copying can be corrected in accordance with Sec. 16, Chap. 29 of the Revised Laws, and all persons interested are respectfully requested to examine the reports of births, marriages and deaths, and report to the Town Clerk any errors or omissions, that the records may be made perfect.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish blanks for the returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and midwives.

DOG LICENSES

Number of dog licenses issued, 126.

Amount paid County Treasurer, \$274.80.

One hundred twenty-two "hunters' certificates" were issued during the year ending December 31, 1915. One dollar was received for each and forwarded to the Commissioners of Fisheries and Game.

CHARLES E. BRADFORD, *Town Clerk.*

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MIDDLESEX, SS.

*To Charles E. Bradford, Clerk of the Town of
Shirley, in said County.*

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required, by posting an attested copy of this warrant at the Post Office in Shirley Center and a like copy at the Post Office in Shirley Village, eight days, at least, before the time herein appointed for the meeting, to notify and warn all the legal voters of said town to assemble in the Town Hall on Monday, the Seventh day of February, 1916, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon to give in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, two Auditors, three Constables, one Highway Surveyor, and one Assessor for one year, one Overseer of the Poor for two years, one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, one School Committee, one Board of Health and two Library Trustees, for three years; also, to vote Yes or No on the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale

of intoxicating liquors in this town?" The polls will be open at eleven o'clock and thirty minutes A. M., and may be closed at three o'clock and thirty minutes P. M., of said day; also, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To choose all officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, School Committee, and other town officers or committees, and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, the poor, highways and bridges, fire department, enforcement of law, library, payment of notes, and interest, cemeteries, Memorial Day, street lights, salaries of officers, Tree Warden, exterminating moths, transportation of library books, transportation of voters from Shirley Village to the Town House, and all necessary and incidental expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see what action the town will take relative to the collection of taxes.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to fix the salary of the Tax Collector, or act thereon.

Art. 7. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1916, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate \$10,000, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under such authorization to be paid from the revenue of said municipal year, or act thereon.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve hundred and twenty dollars (\$1,220.00) for the hydrant service for the year 1916, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for a School Physician in compliance with Chapter 502 of the Acts of 1906 and acts in amendment thereof or addition thereto, or act thereon.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote that if the town, at the annual town meeting to be held February 7, 1916, shall vote to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, that the sum of nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of providing police protection, or act thereon.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred dol-

lars (\$900.00) for the purpose of providing police protection, or act thereon.

Art. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) to enforce the liquor law, or act thereon.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the purpose of exterminating elm leaf beetle, or act thereon.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to pay the premium on the bonds of the Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, and raise and appropriate money for that purpose, or act thereon.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to build a cement or granolithic sidewalk along the southerly line of Davis Street from a point at or near the crossing of the Fitchburg Division of the Boston and Maine Railroad to the intersection of Center Road, thence along the easterly line of Center Road as far as the appropriation will allow, or act thereon.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to build a cement walk on the curve at the Junction of Mill and Chapel Streets and authorize the Selectmen to pay the land damage caused thereby and

to raise and appropriate for the aforesaid purpose the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or act thereon.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to provide band concerts the current municipal year, or act thereon.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for acquiring land for, and the construction and equipping of, a new school building, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow any or all of said money.

Art. 19. To see if the town will appoint a committee consisting of the school committee and two others to be appointed by the Moderator, as a committee having charge of the construction of the school building heretofore provided for, with full powers to acquire land and to enter into contract for the construction of said building, within the sums appropriated for their use.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to build a reinforced concrete bridge across the Mulpus Brook, on Townsend Road, and to instruct and authorize the Selectmen to make a contract or contracts in the name of the town for said construction, or act thereon.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval

of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum or sums of money for the purpose of constructing a bridge across the Mulpus Brook on Townsend Road, or act thereon.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to build a reinforced concrete bridge across Bow Brook on the Catacunemaug Road, and to instruct and authorize the Selectmen to make a contract or contracts in the name of the town, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the aforesaid construction, or act thereon.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road known as Green Lane leading from the house of E. J. Miller, easterly to the main road from Lunenburg to Ayer, or act thereon.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to pay for the grading of the approach, on the Shirley side, to the new bridge at West Groton, or act thereon.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the purpose of erecting and installing a fire alarm signal box on Center Road near the residence of Charles H. Tewksbury, or act thereon.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to ap-

point a committee of three, composed of one member of the Board of Selectmen and two legal voters of the Town of Shirley, to serve for a period of five years, with full authority to relocate any existing street lights; to locate any additional street lights that may be voted by the town from time to time; to regulate the hours of burning, size of lamps and price to be paid by the town, and to execute a street lighting contract between the Town of Shirley and Shirley Electric Company extending for a period not to exceed five years embodying all the above terms and regulations, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 27. To see what action the town will take to raise and appropriate \$150.00 for the George Washington Memorial Building, Washington, D. C.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) to erect seats in the band stand located in Depot Square, or act thereon.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for making alterations and repairs to the Town Lock-up as directed by the District Inspector of the State Board of Health, or act thereon.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars

(\$75.00) for the purpose of making the alterations in the Town House as directed by the District Inspector of State Police, or act thereon.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to one of the Selectmen, at or before said meeting.

Given under our hands at Shirley, this fifteenth day of January, A. D., 1916.

EDWARD J. STEVENS,
THOMAS D. MORIN,
CHARLES H. WEARE, JR.,

Selectmen of Shirley.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
Superintendent of Schools
OF THE
TOWN of SHIRLEY
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1915



AYER, MASS.
HUNTLEY S. TURNER, PRINTER

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| CHARLES H. WEARE, JR. | Term expires 1916 |
| W. H. WILBUR | Term expires 1917 |
| DR. T. E. LILLY | Term expires 1918 |

ORGANIZATION

Dr. T. E. Lilly, Chairman
W. H. Wilbur, Secretary
Charles H. Weare, Jr.

Time and Place of Meeting

At the residence of Chairman at 7.30 P. M., on the
third Wednesday of each month
except July and August

Superintendent, F. C. Johnson

Residence, Ayer, Mass.
Office Hours: Wednesdays, 2.30 to 3.30 P. M., during
term time at New School Building

Truant Officers

O. W. Balcom

W. E. Barnard

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

In accordance with the action of the town in appropriating \$250.00 at the last town meeting for presenting plans for a school building the Committee have been fortunate enough to secure Mr. George C. Halcott, Superintendent of Public Buildings of Worcester, to formulate plans. Mr. Halcott is unusually well experienced in schoolhouse construction and its practical working out. This experience has enabled him to plan a building with no waste space, splendidly adapted to the needs of school instruction and the safe guarding of the health and the lives of the pupils.

The plans as presented represent the result of working from the standpoint of the school needs for a term of years. And we present them in the full form. But when the annual town meeting is held the Committee will be ready to submit modifications of these plans adapted to the financial resources of the town. These will be so drawn as to allow of additions later, which will give a building approximately of the kind here shown, and will provide for some immediate relief from our present meager school accommodations.

Mr. Halcott makes the following report:

To the School Committee, Shirley, Mass., Thomas E.

Lilly, M. D., Chairman:

Dear Sir and Gentlemen—Acting in the capacity of consulting architect to your Committee for the

preparation of a general scheme by sketches and estimates for the construction of a new High and Grade School Building in your town, I have the honor to submit the following report:

The requirements of your problem were to ascertain the probable size and cost of a possible two-story building to contain a "Home" Room providing for forty-eight (48) High School pupils, a Recitation Room to accommodate about one-third of that number, a Commercial Room with a Typewriting Room contiguous thereto but separated therefrom by a glazed partition, a Domestic Science Room with pantry and supply rooms, and a Science Laboratory for Chemistry and Physics, together with necessary conveniences for the storage of apparatus, supplies, etc., all the foregoing to be provided for in the second or upper story.

The first story was to contain two (2) Grade Class Rooms, each room to provide for forty (40) pupils, an Assembly Hall, a general Office with an adjoining Stock Room and a Teachers' Room so located as to be convenient for use as a Medical Examiner's Room. Both the Office and Teachers' Room were to be so situated that they could serve as dressing or ante rooms to the Assembly Hall stage.

The Basement besides providing the usual spaces for heating apparatus, fuel, play-rooms, toilets, etc., was to contain a large room for Manual Training.

Besides the several requirements above mentioned, the building was to be so arranged that four (4) additional Class Rooms might be constructed with the original fabric or in the future as circumstances or the growth of the school should dictate.

The Heating and Ventilation of the building was to be effected with low pressure steam by what is commonly termed a gravity system.

The Toilet Facilities were to be of a thoroughly sanitary character drained to and connected with suitable and adequate cesspools.

It is believed the tentative plans or "studies" which accompany this report provide for or embody in a condensed and economic manner all the requirements of your problem.

Your particular attention is respectfully directed however to a few special features of the plan, to wit:

- (a) Its compact arrangement.
- (b) The unusually small percentage of so-called waste room in corridors.
- (c) Opportunity for quick communication between class rooms and the staircases.
- (d) Quick means of egress from the Assembly Hall.
- (e) Opportunity for the occupants of any room to reach either of the stairways without the necessity of crossing through the other, thus providing safe means of egress in case one or the other of the staircases is not available in time of emergency.
- (f) The absence of square corners on stair landings and the keeping of vestibules down to the width of the doorways so that if stairways and exitways were congested under stress of hurried egress no one would be jammed or wedged into a corner against his will.
- (g) The separation of the connecting corridors from the two stairway corridors by means of "smoke doors" to prevent smoke and gases in one stairway from reaching the other.
- (h) The absence of "catch-alls" or closets under stairways.

(i) The isolation of the boiler and fuel rooms by means of double fire doors, solid fireproof walls and fireproof ceilings.

(j) Abundance of windows for ample lighting.

(k) Class room windows arranged to avoid "cross lights" and consequent eye strain. The day light to come from one side of the room only and from that side of the room nearest the pupils' left hand.

(l) Pupils' ventilated wardrobes provided in and at one end of each class room so that pupils and their clothing will be under the teachers' observation and control.

(m) The saving in size and lower cost of the building by these wardrobes in comparison with the usual type of corridor communicating wardrobes.

(n) The arrangement of the flues to provide for a thorough circulation of the air contents throughout all parts of each room, insuring proper hygienic conditions for everybody.

(o) Corridor walls, staircase enclosing walls and staircases of fireproof construction.

(p) Modest and dignified treatment of the exterior design.

(q) Close grouping of the plumbing fixtures for economy of installation, though affording complete separation of the sexes.

(r) General interior arrangement planned in strict compliance with the Massachusetts District Police Regulations and State Law.

Without burdening this report with a more extended list of further noteworthy features of the plan, the above items only are mentioned trusting

the plan itself will suggest other good points for your favorable consideration.

Careful detailed estimates of the cost of the suggested building have been prepared by a representative firm of building contractors, one having had large experience in schoolhouse construction. These estimates are based on a structure to be built of brick and in every respect equal to the best type of schoolhouse construction as practiced in the erection of such buildings by the City of Worcester, which estimates are as follows:

For the building complete as indicated by the tentative plans, including heating, ventilating, plumbing, lighting, electrical work and all permanent accessories, \$53,000. If the four additional class rooms are omitted, and not built as part of the original structure, the cost would be approximately \$44,800. It would be a simple matter, however, and an expedient that would in no wise change the plan nor take from the structure's stability or safety, to reduce the possible cost by a more strict adherence to the principles of economy. This could be effected by a careful choice of materials and the elimination of some of the non-essentials—such non-essentials as Worcester by accustomed familiarity has been brought to expect as a matter-of-course, though which perhaps are not absolutely necessary.

Under such reductions the cost of construction could no doubt be brought down to within \$47,000 and by the omission of the four additional class rooms to well within \$40,000. These estimates are intended to be conservative and safe guides for possible loans and appropriations.

As already explained to your esteemed Secretary, it is my purpose to submit a supplementary report at an early date accompanied by a second set

of sketches presenting plans that can be satisfactorily wrought out to relieve your needs and still be within the resources of the town.

I had hoped to do this in time for your annual report, but as the time is so short this cannot be accomplished without slighting the problem.

In closing allow me to state that the building as indicated by the first series of sketches would undoubtedly give you a schoolhouse amply providing for your present needs and for your future needs, as I understand them, for many years to come; in short a building in which Shirley citizens could take justifiable pride and one if not absolutely "fireproof" would at least be proof against the harm of panic.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. HALCOTT,

Consulting Engineer.

Worcester, Mass., December, 1915.

The annual report of the Superintendent has been accepted and approved by the Committee for publication.

T. E. LILLY,
W. H. WILBUR,
C. H. WEARE, JR.,

School Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

APPROPRIATIONS AND INCOMES

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Schools | \$3,500 00 | |
| School physician | 50 00 | |
| Superintendent | 250 00 | |
| Transportation | 1,750 00 | |
| Fuel | 400 00 | |
| Supplies | 450 00 | |
| Incidentals and repairs | 500 00 | |
| From State, account superin- | | |
| tendent | 250 00 | |
| From Longley school fund | 231 11 | |
| From Parker school fund | 219 28 | |
| Income from Massachusetts | | |
| school fund | 921 61 | |
| Tuition from adjoining towns | 57 00 | |
| Tuition from individuals | 20 00 | |
| From State, account high | | |
| school | 500 00 | |
| From M. S. Hastings, over pay | 25 00 | |
| From State, tuition | 76 50 | |
| From F. C. Johnson, books sold | 6 15 | |
| From fuel sold | 62 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$9,269 15 |

EXPENDITURES

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|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Schools | \$6,002 84 | |
| School physician | 50 00 | |
| Superintendent | 410 01 | |
| Transportation | 1,717 15 | |
| Fuel | 528 97 | |
| Incidentals and repairs | 355 52 | |
| Supplies | 425 69 | |
| | <hr/> | \$9,490 18 |
| Overdrawn | \$221 03 | |

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

FUEL

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| Appropriation | \$400 00 | |
| From W. H. Wilbur | 39 08 | |
| From C. H. Weare, Jr. | 23 42 | |
| | <hr/> | \$462 50 |
| G. M. Ballou, wood | \$37 93 | |
| G. M. Ballou, teaming coal | 16 69 | |
| Clayton M. Wells, teaming | 6 50 | |
| Boston & Maine Railroad, freight | 200 65 | |
| H. A. Stelle, coal | 214 20 | |
| F. E. Farnsworth, wood | 53 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$528 97 |
| Overdrawn | \$66 47 | |

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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| Appropriation | \$50 00 |
| Thomas E. Lilly, M. D. | \$50 00 |

SUPERINTENDENT

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| Appropriation | \$250 00 | |
| Received from State | 250 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$500 00 |
| F. C. Johnson | | \$410 01 |
| Unexpended balance | | <hr/> \$89 99 |

TRANSPORTATION

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|-----------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,750 00 |
| A. L. Parker | \$640 50 |
| Ira B. Rines | 457 50 |
| Daniel Bartlett | 398 50 |
| Frank Onners | 137 25 |

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| William Brill | 51 20 | |
| Fitchburg & Leominster Street Railway | 30 00 | |
| Mabel F. Bliss | 12 20 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,727 15 |
| Unexpended balance | | <hr/> \$22 85 |

SUPPLIES

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$450 00 | |
| From F. C. Johnson, sale of books | 6 15 | |
| | <hr/> | \$456 15 |
| Physicians and Surgeons Sup- ply Company | \$1 50 | |
| Conant Bros., miscellaneous supplies | 14 50 | |
| McLaughlin & O'Reilly Co., supplies | 1 37 | |
| Association Press | 65 | |
| Silver, Burdett & Co., books | 11 59 | |
| J. L. Hammett Co., books and supplies | 119 07 | |
| Cambridge Botanical Supply Company, chemicals and apparatus | 31 58 | |
| Ginn & Co., books | 32 56 | |
| A. N. Palmer Co., books | 12 22 | |
| Pilgrim Press | 4 20 | |
| Public School Publishing Co. | 47 | |
| G. M. Ballou, lumber | 7 02 | |
| A. S. Barnes Co., books | 2 52 | |
| J. Fisher & Bro., books | 2 29 | |
| Oliver Ditson Co., books | 1 34 | |
| Health Educational League, books | 3 87 | |
| Brockelman Bros., supplies | 65 | |

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| Edward E. Babb & Co., books | 47 62 | |
| Thomas Todd Co., diplomas | 14 75 | |
| American Book Co., books | 16 07 | |
| Royal Typewriter Co. | 1 50 | |
| H. S. Turner, printing | 4 90 | |
| L. C. Smith & Bros., typewriter | 53 25 | |
| Singer Sewing Machine Co., sewing machine | 17 00 | |
| Underwood Typewriter Co. | 50 | |
| Nichols & Frost | 2 26 | |
| M. L. Brown | 5 00 | |
| U. S. Envelope Co. | 5 25 | |
| Webber Lumber Co. | 73 | |
| C. C. Birchard & Co. | 8 98 | |
| Flanagan & Co. | 48 | |
| | <hr/> | \$425 69 |
| Unexpended balance | | <hr/> \$30 46 |

SALARIES

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| Appropriation | \$3,500 00 | |
| Income from Longley fund | 231 11 | |
| Income from Parker fund | 219 28 | |
| Tuition from adjoining towns | 57 00 | |
| Tuition from individuals | 20 00 | |
| Massachusetts school fund in- come | 921 61 | |
| From State, account high school | 500 00 | |
| From M. S. Hastings, over pay | 25 00 | |
| From State, tuition | 76 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,550 50 |
| M. S. Hastings | \$800 00 | |
| M. I. Osborne | 328 25 | |
| Ruth M. Carter | 312 50 | |

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| M. J. McMillan | 390 00 | |
| Nellie McNiff | 433 00 | |
| Julia F. Rynn | 494 00 | |
| Lura A. White | 550 00 | |
| Bernice Staples, drawing | 120 00 | |
| Annie H. Palmer, music | 125 00 | |
| W. A. Warren, manual training | 72 00 | |
| J. B. Conlon, night school | 54 00 | |
| O. W. Balcom, janitor | 452 87 | |
| Alice P. Collins | 497 30 | |
| Sarah Ross | 395 00 | |
| W. E. Barnard | 120 00 | |
| Mary McCusker | 19 20 | |
| O. W. Balcom, truant officer | 16 50 | |
| Arline L. Wilbur | 14 60 | |
| W. A. Warren, supplies | 1 00 | |
| M. S. Hastings, supplies | 1 62 | |
| W. E. Barnard, truant officer | 4 00 | |
| Margaret Mason | 205 00 | |
| Marion Moriarty | 187 50 | |
| Fred J. Malloy, manual training | 42 00 | |
| Mabel Lunt | 165 00 | |
| Miss Ruggles | 112 50 | |
| C. H. Weare, Jr. | 15 00 | |
| W. H. Wilbur | 50 00 | |
| T. E. Lilly | 25 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$6,002 84 |
| Overdrawn | \$452 34 | |

INCIDENTALS AND REPAIRS

| | | |
|---|--------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$500 00 |
| Charles E. Perrin, repairs | \$5 00 | |
| Whitaker-Cushing Co., supplies | 4 66 | |
| Samson Cordage Works, stu- dents' chairs | 39 00 | |

| | | |
|---|-------|----------|
| Arline L. Wilbur | 4 24 | |
| H. S. Turner, printing | 4 00 | |
| Shirley Electric Co. | 4 55 | |
| National Express Co. | 4 13 | |
| H. C. Doughty, floor oil | 12 50 | |
| W. A. Warren | 1 15 | |
| A. B. Cram | 36 40 | |
| M. A. MacElroy | 25 | |
| Brockelman Bros. | 65 | |
| Conant Bros. | 17 54 | |
| C. H. Kennison | 75 | |
| S. D. Porter | 26 89 | |
| G. M. Ballou | 49 20 | |
| C. H. Weare, Jr., hall rent | 5 00 | |
| L. D. Mudgett, music | 6 00 | |
| H. S. Cowell, high school graduation | 10 00 | |
| Boston & Maine Railroad | 96 | |
| Cheshire Chemical Co., sweeping material | 13 04 | |
| Fitchburg Hardware Co., hardware | 32 95 | |
| Clayton Wells, removing ashes | 5 00 | |
| W. E. Barnard | 3 85 | |
| W. H. Wilbur, expenses | 3 30 | |
| Shirley Village Water District, water rates | 34 98 | |
| T. E. Lilly, fumigating | 5 00 | |
| F. C. Johnson, expense | 18 59 | |
| M. E. Lawrence, services | 2 95 | |
| Brewer & Co., disinfectant | 99 | |
| A. N. Hersom, services | 1 00 | |
| George N. Hersom, services | 1 00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$355 52 |
| Unexpended balance | | <hr/> |
| | | \$144 48 |

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Gentlemen of the Committee:

In submitting to you my seventh annual report, which is the twenty-first report of this office, I have the pleasure of presenting the plan of a new building for our town, which is so much needed. This plan is the result of our joint efforts as carried into effect by Mr. George C. Halcott, Superintendent of Public Buildings for the City of Worcester.

The Building

The plan presents an unusually compact building of economical construction and well assigned to safe-guard the lives of our children in case of fire. Mr. Halcott has had large experience in planning school buildings in Worcester, and as many of these in the outskirts of the city are in communities having problems similar to our own, he already has several buildings erected which I have examined and which meet many of these problems. So many of the small details necessary to the success of a school building appear only in actual use that it is the common experience of teachers and school officials to find a building designed by architects of high rank in the technique of their profession, very impracticable for the actual needs of school work. Mr. Halcott has this experience of several years daily contact with the working of the school buildings in

actual service in addition to the ordinary architect's technical knowledge of construction.

The plan of the building as shown on another page allows for the accommodation of the High and Grammar schools, at present located in the old brick building, and the fifth and sixth grades now in the Church Street School, but whose room is needed for grades three and four. The pressing need of new quarters for the High and Grammar schools and grades three and four were presented in my last year's report and need not be repeated here. But it may be said that the problem is assuming more serious aspects this year than ever from the standpoint both of school work and of the health of the pupils.

But as these grades have been constantly increasing in numbers the time is fast approaching when they cannot be efficiently instructed by having both grades in one room. In fact the first two grades are now much too large for doing justice to the children when both are in one room. And the other two rooms, grades three and four, and grades five and six, are now as large as the better class of school systems permit. So in our plan four extra rooms are provided which can be incorporated in the first construction of the building or added later when needed. In either case the appearance of the building will be architecturally complete. Of course the cost of construction would be less if built all at the same time. Moreover as this cost should properly be distributed over a period of years, representing as it does provision for at least twenty-five years ordinary growth of the school population, the small yearly increase of cost at first would be more than offset by the greater increase of cost when the extra rooms were added. Several other advantages also appear of

completing the building at the start. The extra basement could be utilized for the recess and noon periods in stormy weather; sufficient space would be provided for the sewing and cooking on the same floor with the other High School rooms instead of in the basement; and in case of any substantial increase of school population in the next few years a sufficient margin would be provided for this growth without our present congested situation repeating itself.

Passing from these general considerations I desire to give briefly but as clearly as possible the use of each room represented on the plan.

The first floor plan provides for two rooms for immediate use and the assembly hall. The school rooms are for grades seven and eight, and grades five and six respectively, assuming as we may under present conditions of growth that these can be conducted two grades to a room for a few years longer. The assembly room may seem at first thought as somewhat of a luxury. But we should realize that a very important feature of the best school instruction already is the use of the moving picture machine, the opaque projector, the stereopticon, and the talking machine. These can be used before groups of children regardless of age with equally good effect except in special subjects, and economy of time and expense is secured besides greater efficiency in having the whole school get the benefit of the knowledge of the teacher best versed in the subject. Moreover better equipment can be installed when used in a room especially fitted for the use of such machines.

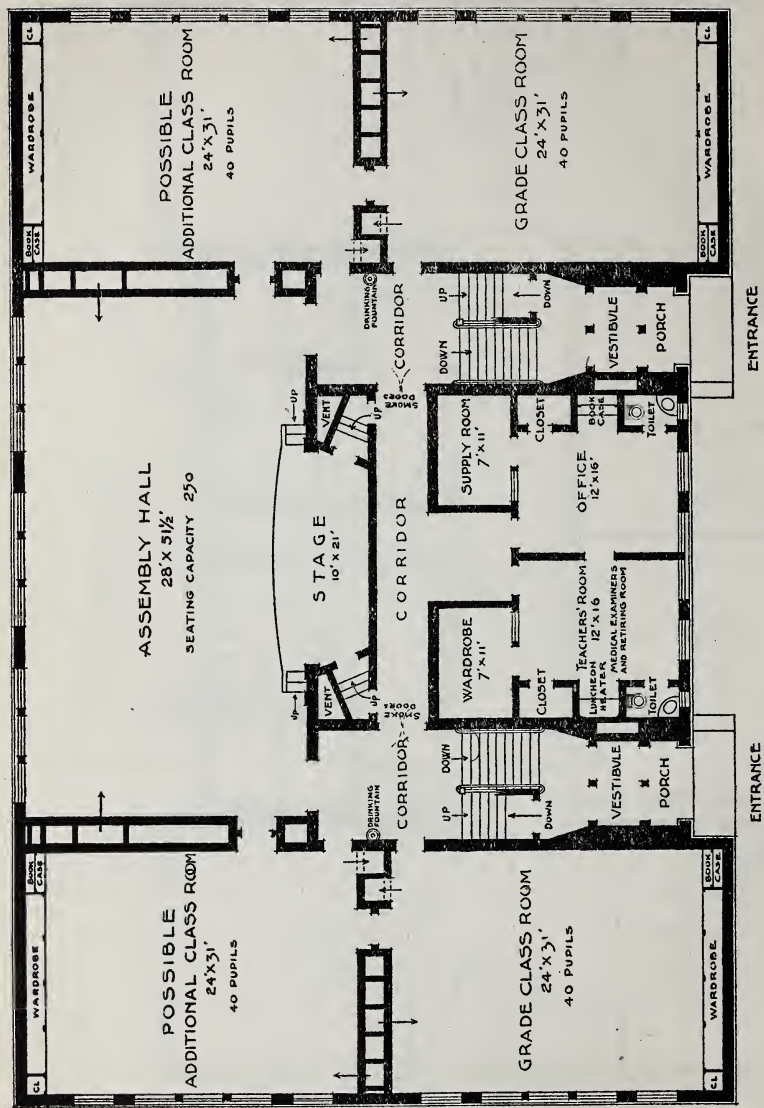
We are passing rapidly from the old idea of confining the school training of our boys and girls to books alone. There is so much of present day in-

terest in the social and business world that the child should understand in its proper bearing that talks on these matters by interested citizens and others are demanded for the full training of the children. Also there are constantly arising matters that affect the school as a whole and which should be presented by teachers or school officials. For school is no longer a place where pupils are taught the great benefits of a democratic form of government while themselves subjected to the arbitrary commands of the teacher. Pupils must be taught how to become fit for citizenship in a democracy by training in self control, rather than in involuntary submission.

While our schools have shown their social life by various devices these are all limited by the lack of a place under the control of the school and convenient of access. A legitimate part of the English work of the High School is the giving of entertainments before the school and the community, such as plays, debates, essays, etc. Much more zest is given to a task when we are doing it with an immediate and definite purpose in mind. So the assembly room would contribute much to the development of the ability in our pupils to formulate their ideas logically and to present them in suitable language.

The public is being aroused to the waste of investment in our church and school buildings by reason of their use so small a part of the day. The difficulty has been in our school buildings that the small rooms with permanent seats accommodate so few people. But an assembly hall makes possible the use of the school building by the various educational forces of the community and by the citizens as a body for the benefit of the community.

Another feature of school life that has become



FIRST STORY

STUDIES FOR A NEW
HIGH AND GRADE SCHOOL BUILDING
FOR THE TOWN OF SHIRLEY
MASSACHUSETTS

J. C. Hale
CONSULTING ARCHITECT

well developed is the organization of parents and citizens immediately interested in the schools, to keep in touch with the work of the schools. These organizations are of great value to the school when properly conducted, and should have their meeting place at the school, in its assembly hall.

The fact is that school buildings designed for the high schools and upper grades in particular are almost universally built at present with a proper assembly hall. To omit this feature is to deprive the pupils and citizens of a center of social and intellectual influence that belongs to all and has a vital bearing on the development of proper community standards.

The two other class rooms on the first floor are designed for future growth and their use will be as grade rooms when two grades to a room will no longer be possible. The space between the two entrances is planned to contain the supply room and room for teachers and school officials.

On the second floor is located the rooms for the High School. The large home room will be sufficient to accommodate the entire present membership of the High School with some margin for growth. Two laboratory rooms are provided which will be used for the science work of the school, and a small recitation room adjoining the home room will provide, together with the home room, for the recitation work of the academic subjects. The commercial room, divided into typewriting and bookkeeping rooms, will be for the use of the business courses. Two extra rooms on this floor are provided for future growth and they would probably be devoted to the use of the High and Grammar schools combined. For there is a constantly increasing tendency to put these last six years of the public schools under one

administration and differentiate the studies sufficiently to provide for the differing interest, capacities and purposes of these pupils. For the present these rooms would provide for the hand work of the boys and girls instead of using rooms in the basement.

The basement would contain the heating apparatus, sanitary arrangements and play rooms. Later on rooms for the practical work of the pupils could be placed here.

The Grounds

Permit me to urge the purchase of sufficient land to provide for a baseball diamond, for at least two tennis courts, for space in which the smaller children can play their games, and some part for a school garden. It would be wise policy for the town to purchase five acres, were the land available, and develop the whole play life of the town about this. Then in case of a considerable growth in future years this space would accommodate all school buildings with their necessary playgrounds.

A joint committee of experts representing the National Educational Association and the American Medical Association recommend as the minimum amount of land for schoolhouse and grounds at least three acres. I urge that we purchase that amount if we wish to provide for the school only, more if it is felt wise to plan for a playground center.

It has not been my intention to go into this matter exhaustively, nor do I think it the place to do so. However, if there occur to the minds of the citizens any questions in which they are interested I shall be glad to go into the matter if opportunity be given me. For in so far as the needs of the proposed building are not made clear, to that degree we have no right to ask the public to accept our ideas.

Allow me before leaving this matter to urge upon the citizens that any plan which does not take into account in addition to our present school needs, the new demands upon the schools and the more or less immediate future of the town will be worse than doing nothing. For if the town takes half way measures which do not provide for the future just so much is the future handicapped and the money spent an unwise investment. But to begin now a plan for the future which will properly take care of its needs as far as they can be foreseen, is to make a wise investment which the future citizens of the town will be glad to help pay. And if these citizens are properly trained now through sufficient school equipment they will the more easily be able to do their share. The school situation in Shirley stands at the branching of the ways. Let us take no step based upon present disinclination to effort that will have to be retraced before the schools may prosper. Careful and anxious thought has been given to the plans submitted. The responsibility is now plainly before the citizens. Their decision in the matter is final. May it be made with wise consideration of the gifts that have come to them from the past generations, each giving better than it received.

In General

This report has dealt so at length with the school building proposition that I will ask space only for the briefest mention of things that should be recorded.

The following teachers resigned at the close of the year or during the summer vacation. Miss Margaret J. McMillan of the Grammar School, and Misses Mabel I. Osborne and Ruth H. Carter of the High School. To succeed Miss McMillan, Mrs. Collins was

transferred from the Center Grammar School and Miss Mildred Lunt appointed to that position. Miss Margaret Mason, a graduate of Boston University last June, and Miss Marion Moriarty, a graduate of the Salem Normal School in 1914 with experience in substitute work and in business, were appointed to the High School positions. Mr. Fred J. Malloy, a Senior in the Fitchburg Normal School, has the Manual training.

The resignation of Miss McMillan deserves more than passing comment, as she had served our schools not only faithfully for several years but also efficiently. She has taken up her home life with the respect and best wishes of the entire community.

During the fall term Miss Margreta L. Hastings, principal of the High School, was obliged to ask leave of absence because of ill health. She expects to return to her duties soon fully restored. During her absence the assistant teacher, Miss Margaret Mason, has acted as principal and substitutes have been provided for the classes taught by Miss Hastings. On this account no report appears for the High School.

I am glad to again record our success in the drawing and handwork exhibit at the Clinton Fair. Checks to the value of \$9.00 have been sent me as our share of the premiums. These will be spent for music records and pictures for the school rooms.

The manual training classes have shingled one side of the roof of the shop, have constructed a closet for storage of the physics apparatus in the High School, and are completing another typewriter table to hold the typewriter purchased this past fall.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. JOHNSON.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Members of the School Committee and Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my annual report as Supervisor of Music:

The methods of work in our school music during this year have been similar to those reported last year. The necessity of good music is to cultivate the powers of appreciation and independent judgment. We have tried to lay a foundation which will enable pupils to read music at sight, sing artistically and appreciate good music.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere thanks to teachers and officials for their coöperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE H. PALMER.

REPORT OF
SUPERVISOR OF MANUAL ARTS

To the Superintendent of Schools, Shirley, Mass.:

The work in drawing during the past year has been very satisfactory. The Shirley work took three prizes at Clinton Fair last September, where work was exhibited by towns having a much larger number of pupils. These prizes were taken by the basketry in the fifth and sixth grades and by the drawing and constructive design in the seventh and eighth grades. The primary teachers should receive their share of credit for the work done in the higher grades.

The children in the fifth and sixth grades are making more baskets this year. The Grammar school children held a sale of fancy work and candy during Christmas week and took in between fifteen and twenty dollars.

I wish to thank all those who have made the hand work a success.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNICE E. STAPLES.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the School Committee:

During the year just closed while there have been very few cases of serious contagious diseases there have been a large number of minor ailments, such as head colds, acute bronchitis, influenza, etc., which are undoubtedly due to the congested condition of our schoolrooms and to the fact that the ventilation and heating are not up to the standard required by modern ideas of sanitation.

Both of the school buildings at the Village are inadequate as to room and proper sanitary requirements. The brick building used by the High and Grammar schools is entirely unfit for use for school purposes. It has privies instead of flush closets, a condition which should not be tolerated in a community of the size and equipment of a town like Shirley, which has one of the best water systems in the Commonwealth.

The High School is crowded and both High and Grammar schools are handicapped through lack of adequate playground facilities, the children being obliged to use the street with its attendant dangers to both children and passersby.

The Church Street School Building is overcrowded and the heating and ventilation are faulty particularly the second story room, which has been severely criticized by the Inspector of the State Po-

lice. The above-named building is in my opinion a menace to the safety of the children in case of fire. While the two lower rooms are technically on the ground floor they are in reality second story rooms as the windows on all sides are at least fifteen feet from the ground and in the rear of the building at a much greater distance.

There is also an entire absence of fireproof doors and partitions as well as wire lathing such as has been recommended by the Fire Prevention Commissioner of the Metropolitan District. If a fire should occur in the basement where fires almost invariably originate and the corridors and entries at the front of the building be filled with smoke or flames a great tragedy would certainly occur as it would be a physical impossibility to get nearly one hundred small children out of the building through windows which are at least one story above the ground.

I cannot emphasize this matter too strongly and feel it my duty to call the attention of parents to the necessity of either providing proper protection in the old building or what would be much better to enable the town to erect an up-to-date school building as recommended in the Superintendent's report.

We have inaugurated this year a new system of vacations, having one week after each eight weeks of school work. This system is in use in most of the cities and larger towns and has worked out well wherever it is used.

The only serious disease of a contagious nature were three cases of diphtheria which were discovered at the same time in the primary grades at the Church Street Building. The school was closed for one week, cultures taken from all of the children's

throats and when negative returns were received the room was fumigated and the school reopened.

There have been no cases of contagious diseases reported from the High School Building nor from the Center School. The children have all been examined for abnormalities and all cases reported to parents or guardians.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS E. LILLY, M. D.,

School Physician.

REGISTER OF TEACHERS, 1915-1916

| SCHOOLS | NAMES | FIRST APPOINTED | | SALARY |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------|------------|
| High—Principal | Margreta S. Hastings | June | 1911 | \$1000 00 |
| Assistant | Margaret Mason | June | 1915 | 500 00 |
| Commercial | Marion Moriarty | June | 1915 | 500 00 |
| Grammar | Mrs. Alice P. Collins | June | 1914 | 600 00 |
| Intermediate | Nellie McNiff | July | 1914 | 432 00 |
| Second Primary | Julia F. Rynn | March | 1908 | 490 00 |
| First Primary | Lura A. White | September | 1891 | 550 00 |
| Center—Grammar | Mildred Lunt | September | 1915 | 418 00 |
| Center—Primary | Sarah Ross | January | 1915 | 418 00 |
| Music | Annie H. Palmer | August | 1911 | (a) 125 00 |
| Drawing | Bernice E. Staples | September | 1910 | (a) 120 00 |
| Manual Training | Fred J. Malloy | June | 1915 | (b) 114 00 |

(a) One day every other week. (b) One day each week.

STATISTICS, FALL TERM, 1915

| SHIRLEY VILLAGE. | | SHIRLEY CENTER. | |
|------------------|-----------|--|-----------|
| GRADE | ENROLMENT | GRADE | ENROLMENT |
| I | 20 | I | 6 |
| II | 24 | II | 6 |
| III | 19 | III | 5 |
| IV | 27 | IV | 5 |
| V | 23 | V | 9 |
| VI | 16 | VI | 0 |
| VII | 18 | VII | 5 |
| VIII | 8 | VIII | 4 |
| HIGH SCHOOL { | IX | Total enrolment, Village, 187 Center, 40 | |
| | X | | |
| | XI | | |
| | XII | | |
| | | | |

Entered Freshman Class September, 1915 : Boys, 5 ; Girls, 5.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1916-1917

| All Schools Close | All Schools Open | Center and Church Street Close | High and Grammar Close |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| February 18, 1916 April 21, 1916 | February 28, 1916 May 1, 1916 September 5, 1916 | June 9, 1916 | June 23, 1916 |
| December 22, 1916 February 25, 1917 April 26, 1917 | January 1, 1917 March 4, 1917 May 6, 1917 | June 14, 1917 | June 28, 1917 |

Schools will be closed April 19, May 30, October 12, Thanksgiving Day and the day following in 1916; Feb. 22, April 19 and May 30, in 1917.

SCHOOL CENSUS

September, 1915

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----|--|
| Boys between 5 and 7 | 35 | |
| Girls between 5 and 7 | 30 | |
| | 65 | |
| Boys between 7 and 14 | 119 | |
| Girls between 7 and 14 | 117 | |
| | 236 | |
| Boys between 14 and 16 | 32 | |
| Girls between 14 and 16 | 32 | |
| | 64 | |
| Illiterate males 14 and 21 | 3 | |
| Illiterate females 14 and 21 | 6 | |
| | 9 | |

RETURNS TO STATE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1914-15

School Census Registration September 1, 1914

Number of persons in town September 1, 1914:

Between five and seven—

| | | |
|-------|----|----|
| Boys | 36 | |
| Girls | 41 | |
| | — | 77 |

Between seven and fourteen—

| | | |
|-------|-----|-----|
| Boys | 111 | |
| Girls | 125 | |
| | — | 236 |

Between fourteen and sixteen—

| | | |
|-------|----|----|
| Boys | 32 | |
| Girls | 32 | |
| | — | 64 |

The Public Day Schools—July 1, 1914 to June 30, 1915

| | High | Elementary |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|
| Supervisors | 2 | 2 |
| Regular teachers | 6 | 3 |
| Total enrolment of pupils | 31 | 205 |
| Aggregate attendance | 5,580 | 31,030 |
| Average daily attendance | 28½ | 172 |
| Average number of sessions | 196 | 181 |
| Average membership | 31 | 190 |

Expenditures for Public Day and Evening Schools

| | High | Elementary |
|---------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| School Committee, salary and expenses | \$161 38 | |
| Superintendent, salary and expenses | 440 15 | |
| Supervisors, salaries | \$73 00 | \$292 00 |

| | | | |
|---|----------|------------|------------|
| Evening School | 48 00 | | |
| Teachers, salaries | | 2,075 83 | 2,980 40 |
| Text books | | 103 10 | 86 42 |
| Stationery and other school supplies | | 79 59 | 168 59 |
| Janitor service | | 99 92 | 442 95 |
| Fuel | | 118 28 | 415 48 |
| Miscellaneous expenses of operation | | 10 68 | 70 16 |
| Repairs, replacement and upkeep | | 3 23 | 149 12 |
| Promotion of health | | 8 93 | 53 57 |
| Transportation | | 339 50 | 1,419 20 |
| Total | \$649 53 | \$2,912 06 | \$5,777 89 |

SOURCES OF REVENUE

Town Fiscal Year from January 1, 1915 to December
31, 1915

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| From town, tax levy | \$7,320 93 | |
| From State: | | |
| School fund | 848 01 | |
| For Superintendent's salary | 250 00 | |
| High School grant | 500 00 | |
| Tuition of state wards | 140 00 | |
| From other sources: | | |
| Tuition from other towns | 60 00 | |
| Income funds | 226 40 | |
| | | \$9,345 34 |

ROLL OF HONOR

(Figures denote number of terms perfect in attendance, neither tardy, absent nor dismissed)

High—Margreta S. Hastings, Principal

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Harry Annis, 3 | Anna Lougee, 1 |
| Hazel Ballou, 1 | *Agnes Lynch, 3 |
| Raymond Harris, 3 | Mary Stebbins, 3 |
| Chester Hooper, 1 | Sarah Stevenson, 1 |
| Cora James, 2 | Ruth Woodman, 3 |

*Second year of perfect attendance

Grammar—Margaret J. McMillan, Teacher

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Blanche Barnard, 1 | Dorothy Jubb, 1 |
| Raymond Chesbrough, 2 | Charles Peneseau, 3 |
| James Doherty, 1 | Charles Will, 3 |
| George Hooper, 1 | |

Intermediate—Nellie McNiff, Teacher

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Everett Barnard, 1 | Marion Jubb, 1 |
| Myrtle Cole, 2 | Kathleen Miner, 1 |
| Walter Dadmun, 1 | Earl Pomfret, 2 |
| Hazel Dinsmore, 1 | Otis Rivers, 1 |
| Ruth Eisner, 1 | Elsie Smith, 1 |
| Clara Hersom, 3 | Harry Wheeler, 1 |
| Celia Hodgman, 1 | Leah Wheeler, 1 |
| Clarence Hooper, 1 | Fred Will, 1 |
| Ruth Hooper, 1 | |

Second Primary—Julia F. Rynn, Teacher

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Kenneth A. Clark, 2 | Leonard Jubb, 1 |
| Louise Doherty, 1 | Doris Knowles, 1 |

Edith Eisner, 1
Thelma Freeman, 1
Francis E. Hersom, 2
Richard Holden, 1

Pamelia Parker, 1
Bertha Peneseau, 2
Vivian Wheeler, 1

Primary—Lura A. White, Teacher

Alice McDevitt, 2 Arnold Hocquard, 1
Veronica Makalkwich, 1 Edward Will, 1

Center Grammar—Mrs. Alice P. Collins, Teacher

Mary Grout, 1 Doris Wood, 1
Helen Wood, 1



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